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Initial Public Offer of equity shares on the main board of BSE Limited ("**BSE**") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited **("NSE"**, and together with BSE, the **"Stock Exchanges"**) in compliance with Chapter II of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, as amended ("**SEBI ICDR Regulations**").

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BILLIONBRAINS GARAGE VENTURES LIMITED

(Please scan this QR code to view the Red Herring Prospectus)

Our Company was incorporated as "Billionbrains Garage Ventures Private Limited" on January 9, 2018, as a private limited company under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, pursuant to a certificate of incorporation dated January 17, 2018, issued by the Registrar of Companies, Central Registration Centre. Pursuant to the Scheme of Amalgamation, approved by the National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench on March 28, 2024, Groww Inc., our erstwhile holding company was amalgamated into and with our Company. For details, see *"History and Certain corporate matters – Other Material Agreements – Scheme of Amalgamation amongst our Company, Groww Inc. and their respective shareholders"* on page 269 of the red herring prospectus dated October 29, 2025 (**"RHP"** or **"Red Herring Prospectus"**) filed with the Registrar of Companies, Karnataka at Bengaluru. Further, our Company was converted into a public limited company and the name of our Company was changed to Billionbrains Garage Ventures Limited, pursuant to a board resolution dated January 29, 2025, shareholders' resolution dated February 21, 2025, and a fresh certificate of incorporation dated April 11, 2025 issued by the Registrar of Companies, Central Processing Centre.

Corporate Identity Number: U72900KA2018PLC109343
Registered and Corporate Office: Vaishnavi Tech Park, South Tower, 3rd Floor, Survey No. 16/1 and 17/2, Ambalipura Village, Varthur Hobli, Bellandur, Bengaluru - 560 103, Karnataka, India
Contact Person: Roshan Bhanuprakash Dave, Company Secretary and Compliance Officer; **Tel:** +91 80 6960 1300; **E-mail:** corp.secretarial@groww.in; **Website:** www.groww.in

PROMOTERS OF OUR COMPANY: LALIT KESHRE, HARSH JAIN, ISHAN BANSAL AND NEERAJ SINGH

INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING OF [●] EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH ("EQUITY SHARES") OF BILLIONBRAINS GARAGE VENTURES LIMITED (OUR "COMPANY" OR THE "ISSUER") FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF ₹[●] PER EQUITY SHARE (INCLUDING A PREMIUM OF ₹[●] PER EQUITY SHARE) (THE "OFFER PRICE") AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION (THE "OFFER"). THE OFFER COMPRISES A FRESH ISSUE OF [●] EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH BY OUR COMPANY AGGREGATING UP TO ₹10,600.00 MILLION (THE "FRESH ISSUE") AND AN OFFER FOR SALE OF UP TO 557,230,051 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION COMPRISING UP TO 158,281,491 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY PEAK XV PARTNERS INVESTMENTS VI-1, 105,481,609 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY YC HOLDINGS II, LLC, 65,668,147 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY RIBBIT CAPITAL V, L.P., 52,464,086 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY GW-E RIBBIT OPPORTUNITY V, LLC, 51,842,810 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY INTERNET FUND VI PTE. LTD., 14,723,398 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY SEQUOIA CAPITAL GLOBAL GROWTH FUND III – U.S./INDIA ANNEX FUND, L.P., 16,266,356 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY PROPEL VENTURE PARTNERS GLOBAL US, LP, 27,505,088 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY KAUFFMAN FELLOWS FUND, L.P., 11,343,750 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY FRIÁLE FUND IV LLC, 18,707,370 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY ALKEON INNOVATION MASTER FUND II, LP, 17,453,620 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY ALKEON INNOVATION MASTER FUND II, PRIVATE SERIES, LP, 8,118,000 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY ALKEON INNOVATION MASTER FUND, LP, 421,248 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY ALKEON INNOVATION OPPORTUNITY MASTER FUND, LP, 5,968,700 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY NIRMAN INVESTMENTS, L.P., AND 2,984,378 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY NIRMAN HOLDINGS, L.P., (COLLECTIVELY, THE "SELLING SHAREHOLDERS" AND SUCH OFFER THE "OFFER FOR SALE" AND SUCH EQUITY SHARES SO OFFERED, THE "OFFERED SHARES").

DETAILS OF THE TOP 10 SELLING SHAREHOLDERS, OFFER FOR SALE AND WEIGHTED AVERAGE COST OF ACQUISITION

NAME OF THE TOP 10 SELLING SHAREHOLDERS	TYPE OF SELLING SHAREHOLDER	NUMBER OF OFFERED SHARES/ AMOUNT (₹ IN MILLION)	WEIGHTED AVERAGE COST OF ACQUISITION PER EQUITY SHARE (IN ₹)^*
Peak XV Partners Investments VI-1	Investor Selling Shareholder	Up to 158,281,491 Equity Shares of face value of ₹2 each aggregating up to ₹[●] million	1.91
YC Holdings II, LLC	Investor Selling Shareholder	Up to 105,481,609 Equity Shares of face value of ₹2 each aggregating up to ₹[●] million	3.45
Ribbit Capital V, L.P.	Investor Selling Shareholder	Up to 65,668,147 Equity Shares of face value of ₹2 each aggregating up to ₹[●] million	2.30
GW-E Ribbit Opportunity V, LLC	Investor Selling Shareholder	Up to 52,464,086 Equity Shares of face value of ₹2 each aggregating up to ₹[●] million	37.87
Internet Fund VI Pte. Ltd.	Investor Selling Shareholder	Up to 51,842,810 Equity Shares of face value of ₹2 each aggregating up to ₹[●] million	21.97
Kauffman Fellows Fund, L.P.	Investor Selling Shareholder	Up to 27,505,088 Equity Shares of face value of ₹2 each aggregating up to ₹[●] million	0.51
Alkeon Innovation Master Fund II, LP	Investor Selling Shareholder	Up to 18,707,370 Equity Shares of face value of ₹2 each aggregating up to ₹[●] million	37.83
Alkeon Innovation Master Fund II, Private Series, LP	Investor Selling Shareholder	Up to 17,453,620 Equity Shares of face value of ₹2 each aggregating up to ₹[●] million	37.83
Propel Venture Partners Global US, LP	Investor Selling Shareholder	Up to 16,266,356 Equity Shares of face value of ₹2 each aggregating up to ₹[●] million	5.39
Sequoia Capital Global Growth Fund III - U.S./India Annex Fund, L.P.	Investor Selling Shareholder	Up to 14,723,398 Equity Shares of face value of ₹2 each aggregating up to ₹[●] million	37.94

** The amount paid on the acquisition of the Preference Shares have been considered for calculating the weighted average cost of acquisition per Equity Share.*
^As certified by Manian & Rao, Chartered Accountants, by way of their certificate dated October 29, 2025.
For details of all Selling Shareholders, see "The Offer" beginning on page 85 of the RHP.

PRICE BAND: ₹95 TO ₹100 PER EQUITY SHARE OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 2 EACH.
THE FLOOR PRICE AND THE CAP PRICE ARE 47.50 TIMES AND 50.00 TIMES THE FACE VALUE OF THE EQUITY SHARES, RESPECTIVELY.
BIDS CAN BE MADE FOR A MINIMUM OF 150 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 2 EACH AND IN MULTIPLES OF 150 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH THEREAFTER.
THE PRICE TO EARNINGS RATIO ("P/E") BASED ON DILUTED EPS FOR FISCAL 2025 FOR THE COMPANY AT THE UPPER END OF THE PRICE BAND IS AS HIGH AS 31.35 TIMES AND AT THE LOWER END OF THE PRICE BAND IS 29.78 TIMES AS COMPARED TO THE AVERAGE INDUSTRY PEER GROUP P/E RATIO OF 40.77 TIMES FOR FISCAL 2025.

BID/OFFER PROGRAMME

BID/OFFER CLOSES TODAY#

#UPI mandate end time and date shall be at 5:00 pm on the Bid/Offer Closing Date.

We are a direct-to-customer digital investment platform that provides multiple financial products and services.

The Offer is being made through the book building process in accordance with Regulation 6(2) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations.
THE EQUITY SHARES OF OUR COMPANY WILL GET LISTED ON THE MAIN BOARD OF THE STOCK EXCHANGES. NSE SHALL BE THE DESIGNATED STOCK EXCHANGE.
QIB PORTION: NOT LESS THAN 75% OF THE OFFER | NON-INSTITUTIONAL PORTION: NOT MORE THAN 15% OF THE OFFER | RETAIL PORTION: NOT MORE THAN 10% OF THE OFFER

IN MAKING AN INVESTMENT DECISION, POTENTIAL INVESTORS MUST ONLY RELY ON THE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE RED HERRING PROSPECTUS AND THE TERMS OF THE OFFER, INCLUDING THE RISKS INVOLVED AND NOT RELY ON ANY OTHER EXTERNAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE OFFER AVAILABLE IN ANY MANNER.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee of Independent Directors of our Company, pursuant to their resolution dated October 29, 2025, the above provided price band is justified based on quantitative factors/ KPIs disclosed in the *'Basis for Offer Price'* section on page 158 of the RHP *vis-a-vis* the weighted average cost of acquisition ("WACA") of primary and secondary transaction(s), as applicable, disclosed in *'Basis for Offer Price'* section on page 158 of the RHP .

In relation to the Price Band, potential investors should only refer to this price band advertisement for the Offer and should not rely on any media articles/ reports in relation to the valuation of our Company as these are not endorsed, published or confirmed either by the Company or by the BRLMs.

RISK TO INVESTORS

For details refer to section titled "Risk Factors" on page 37 of the RHP

1. **Market volatility risk:** Our business, operating within India's investment and wealth management industry, are influenced by a variety of domestic factors, including fluctuations in gross domestic product, changes in monetary, tax and other policy measures, political and regulatory developments, inflation, interest rate levels, shifts in consumer spending and saving patterns as well as investor sentiment. Any material slump or prolonged downturn in the Indian or global financial markets could adversely impact the volume of trading and investment patterns which can affect our operations and financial condition.
2. **Technology risk:** Uninterrupted access to our technology platform is critical for our operations System failures and interruptions could adversely affect the availability or performance of our website, mobile applications or platform. The table below provides our software, server and technology expenses that we have incurred to maintain our technology stack.

(in ₹ million, unless otherwise indicated)

Particulars	Three months ended June 30,		Fiscal Year ended March 31,		
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2023
Software, server and technology expenses	1,043.47	948.99	4,408.99	2,641.45	1,352.34
Software, server and technology expenses *(% of total expenses)*	23.47%	16.11%	27.62%	12.77%	17.86%

3. **Business concentration risk:** We derive a significant portion of our revenue from our Broking Services. Any downturn in customers' willingness to use our Broking services could have an adverse impact on our business, financial condition and cash flows. The table below sets forth revenue by product for the period/years indicated:

Particulars	Three months ended				Fiscal Year ended					
	June 30, 2025		June 30, 2024		March 31, 2025		March 31, 2024		March 31, 2023	
Products	₹ million	% of Revenue from operations	₹ million	% of Revenue from operations	₹ million	% of Revenue from operations	₹ million	% of Revenue from operations	₹ million	% of Revenue from operations
Broking Services[(1)]	7,188.90	79.49%	8,747.43	87.40%	32,970.06	84.50%	23,603.22	90.46%	10,304.25	90.27%
Others[(2)]	1,855.08	20.51%	1,260.51	12.60%	6,047.17	15.50%	2,489.59	9.54%	1,111.01	9.73%
Revenue from operations	**9,043.98**	**100.00%**	**10,007.94**	**100.00%**	**39,017.23**	**100.00%**	**26,092.81**	**100.00%**	**11,415.26**	**100.00%**

[(1)] Broking Services include Stocks and Derivatives products.
[(2)] Others include MTF, Consumer Credits, AMC, Other Incidental revenue, and interest income on fixed deposits with banks earmarked with stock exchanges.

4. **Regulatory risk:** Our business is under the purview of regulators and statutory authorities in India, which include, among others, SEBI, RBI and the stock exchanges. We are subject to changes in the regulatory framework applicable to us, and amendments to these regulations may impact our business and operations. For example, in 2024, SEBI introduced a new framework for derivatives (circular titled "Measures to Strengthen Equity Index Derivatives Framework for Increased Investor Protection and Market Stability" dated October 1, 2024), which, among other things, increased the contract size of index derivatives (from a range of ₹0.50 million to ₹1.00 million to a range of ₹1.50 million to ₹2.00 million) and reduced the extent of index derivatives products offered by exchanges which would expire on a weekly basis each with effect from November 20 2024. Further, SEBI's circular dated October 1, 2024 on "Charges levied by Market Infrastructure Institutions - True to Label" (effective from the date of the circular) required us to revise fee structures such that fees we charge do not exceed the actual charges imposed by market infrastructure institutions. As a result of these regulatory changes, our fees and commission income, Broking Transacting Users and Derivatives Active Users declined in the three months ended June 30, 2025 as shown in the table below:

Particulars	Units	Three months ended June 30,		Fiscal Year ended March 31,		
		2025	2024	2025	2024	2023
Broking Transacting Users[(1)]	# millions	6.12	7.24	13.52	9.92	5.49
Derivatives Active Users[(2)]	# millions	1.40	1.95	1.40	1.89	0.80
Fees and Commission income	₹ millions	7,289.42	8,834.62	33,362.74	23,941.15	10,527.24

[(1)] Unique users who have done at least one transaction in Stocks or Derivatives during the reporting period
[(2)] Unique users who have qualified as "New Transacting User" and have transacted in Derivatives on our platform in the last three months of the reporting period.

5. **Risk relating to customer acquisition and retention:** The growth of our business depends on our ability to cost-effectively attract and retain customers on our platform. Any failure to do so could have an adverse impact on our operations, financial condition and results of operations. The following table shows certain metrics related to our customer base for the periods indicated:

(in millions)

Particulars	Three months ended June 30,		Fiscal Year ended March 31,		
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2023
New Transacting Users[(1)]	0.76	1.67	5.97	4.81	2.40
Active Users[(2)]	14.38	10.78	13.94	9.43	5.36

[(1)] New Transacting User is defined as a user who (i) deposited or invested ₹1,000 or more and has undertaken a transaction on our platform, or (ii) has taken a loan on our platform for the first time.
[(2)] Active Users is defined as unique users that have transacted on Groww in the last three months or have total assets greater than ₹0 as on the last day of the reporting period. Active Users are a subset of Total Transacting Users.

6. **Risk relating to profitability:** We incurred net losses for the year in Fiscals 2024 amounting to ₹ 8,054.50 million, primarily due to a one-time tax expense related to the amalgamation of our Company and Groww Inc., as well as performance-based incentive payouts to our management during the year and generated profits in Fiscal 2023, Fiscal 2025 and in the three months ending June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively. If we are unable to generate adequate revenue growth and manage our expenses and cash flows as we grow, we may not be able to sustain our profitability.
7. **Cybersecurity and data breach risk:** We are vulnerable to cyber-attacks, such as hacking, phishing, and trojans, which could exploit our network and disrupt our services and/or result in the theft of sensitive internal company data or customer information. Any actual or perceived cybersecurity, data or privacy breach could interrupt our operations and adversely affect our reputation, brand, business, financial condition and results of operations.
8. **Subsidiary concentration risk:** We derive a significant portion of our revenue from operations from our Material Subsidiaries, Groww Invest Tech Private Limited and Groww Creditserv Technology Private Limited. Any downturn in our subsidiaries performance could have a material adverse impact on our business. The table below sets forth the revenue from operations generated by such subsidiaries for the periods indicated:

Particulars	Three months ended June 30,		Fiscal Year ended March 31,		
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2023
	Revenue contribution as % of consolidated Revenue from Operations				
Groww Invest Tech Private Limited	93.04%	95.59%	93.95%	97.76%	98.06%
Groww Creditserv Technology Private Limited	5.83%	3.53%	5.03%	0.97%	-

9. **Risk relating to profitability of Subsidiaries:** Our Subsidiaries namely Groww Creditserv Technology Private Limited, Groww Asset Management Limited, Groww Trustee Limited, Neobillion Fintech Private Limited, Groww Pay Services Private Limited, Groww Serv Private Limited, Groww Wealth Tech Private Limited, Billionblocks Finserv Private Limited, Groww Insurance Broking Private Limited and Groww IFSC Private Limited have incurred losses in the past and may continue to incur losses. Further, a portion of the Net Proceeds will be invested in Groww Creditserv Technology Private Limited. We may be required to continue providing financial support to these subsidiaries which may adversely affect our consolidated results of operations and financial condition.
10. **Risk relating to negative cash flows:** We had negative cash flows from operations in the three months ended June 30, 2025 and in Fiscal 2025, and may continue to do so in the near term as we expand our business and enhance our products and services. Failure to generate sufficient cash from operations could adversely affect our liquidity and our ability to fund our operations.
11. **Brand and reputation risk:** Our brand "Groww" and its reputation are key drivers of customer trust and our business performance. Any negative media coverage may impact the customer acceptance of our platform.
12. **Competition risk:** We operate in the investment and wealth management industry which is intensely competitive and highly regulated. Our competitors may have, amongst others, substantially greater financial resources, access to a wider customer base, and a longer operating history than us.

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13. The Offer also consists of an offer for sale up to 557,230,051 Equity Shares (approximately 84.02% of the Total Offer Size at upper end of the Price Band), the proceeds of which will not be available to the Company.
14. The average cost of acquisition of Equity Shares for Selling Shareholders ranges from ₹ 0.29 per Equity Share to ₹ 37.94 per Equity Share and the Offer Price at upper end of the Price Band is ₹ 100 per Equity Share.
15. The Price to Earnings ratio based on diluted EPS for financial year ended 2025 for the Company at the upper end of the Price Band is as high as 31.35 times as compared to the average industry peer group PE ratio of 40.77 times.
16. Weighted Average Return on Net Worth for Financial Years ended 2025, 2024 and 2023 is 10.53%.
17. The 5 Book Running Lead Managers associated with the Offer have handled 102 public issues in the past three Financial Years, out of which 23 issues closed below the issue price on the listing date:

Name of the BRLMs	Total Public Issues	Issues closed below IPO price on listing date
Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited*	9	3
J.P. Morgan India Private Limited*	2	1
Citigroup Global Markets India Private Limited*	2	1
Axis Capital Limited*	29	7
Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors Limited*	23	7
Common issues of above BRLMs	37	4
Total	**102**	**23**

**Issues handled where there were no common BRLMs.*

18. Weighted average cost of acquisition of all shares transacted in the three years, 18 months and one year preceding the date of the Red Herring Prospectus:

Period	Weighted average cost of acquisition (in ₹)*@$	Cap Price is 'x' times the weighted average cost of acquisition	Range of acquisition price: lowest price – highest price (in ₹)*
Last one year preceding the date of the RHP	7.15	13.99	Nil*# to 96.56
Last 18 months preceding the date of the RHP	5.32	18.80	Nil*# to 96.56
Last three years preceding the date of the RHP	5.32	18.80	Nil*# to 96.56

As certified by Manian & Rao, Chartered Accountants, by way of their certificate dated October 29, 2025.

**# Allotment pursuant to Bonus Issue*

@ The amount paid on the acquisition of the Preference Shares in the last one year, eighteen months and three years respectively have been considered for calculating the weighted average cost of acquisition per Equity Share

$ Calculated excluding allotment of Equity Shares on conversion of Preference Shares pursuant to the Board resolution dated September 29, 2025

Notes: The price originally paid for acquiring shares in Groww Inc. has been considered while arriving at the acquisition price of the shares allotted in the Company pursuant to the Scheme of Amalgamation. Exchange rates for the period January 26, 2018 to June 13, 2018 have been considered from investing.com and post June 13, 2018 the exchange rates have been considered from fbil.org.in

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS

1. **No pre-IPO placement has been undertaken by our Company.**
2. **The Promoters or members of promoter group have not undertaken any transaction of shares aggregating up to 1% or more of the paid-up Equity Share capital of the Company from the UDRHP-I filling date.**
3. **For further information refer to "Capital Structure" on page 106 of the RHP and our price band advertisement for the aggregate Equity Shareholding and percentage of the pre-Offer paid-up Equity Share capital and post-Offer Equity shareholding, of our Promoter, members of our Promoter Group and additional Shareholders of our Company.**

BASIS FOR OFFER PRICE

(The "Basis for Offer Price" section on 158 of the RHP has been updated with the above price band. Please refer to the websites of the BRLMs: https://investmentbank.kotak.com, www.jpmipl.com, www.citigroup.com/ global/aboutus/globalpresence/india/regulatory-disclosures-investment-banking, www.axiscapital.co.in and www.motilaloswalgroup.com for the "Basis for Offer Price" updated with the above price band) (you may scan the QR code for accessing the website of Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited)

ASBA# **Simple, Safe, Smart way of Application!!!**

Applications supported by blocked amount (ASBA) is a better way of applying to issues by simply blocking the fund in the bank account, For further details, check section on ASBA.

Mandatory in public issues. No cheque will be accepted.

UPI UNIFIED PAYMENTS INTERFACE

UPI-Now available in ASBA for Retail Individual Investors and Non - Institutional Investor applying for amount upto ₹ 5,00,000/-, applying through Registered Brokers, DPs and RTAs. UPI Bidder also have the option to submit the application directly to the ASBA Bank (SCSBs) or to use the facility of linked online trading, demat and bank account. Investors are required to ensure that the bank account used for bidding is linked to their PAN. Bidders must ensure that their PAN is linked with Aadhaar and are in compliance with CBDT notification dated February 13, 2020, issued by the Central Board of Direct Taxes and the subsequent press releases, including press releases dated June 25, 2021 and September 17, 2021 and CBDT circular no.7 of 2022, dated March 30, 2022 read with press release dated March 28, 2023 and any subsequent press releases in this regard.

ASBA has to be availed by all the investors except anchor investors. UPI may be availed by (i) Retail Individual Investors in the Retail Portion; (ii) Non-Institutional Investors with an application size of up to ₹ 0.50 million in the Non-Institutional Portion. For details on the ASBA and UPI process, please refer to the details given in ASBA form and abridged prospectus and also please refer to the section *"Offer Procedure"* on page 460 of the RHP. The process is also available on the website of Association of Investment Bankers of India ("**AIBI**") and Stock Exchanges and in the General Information Document. ASBA bid-cum-application forms can be downloaded from the websites of the Stock Exchanges and can be obtained from the list of banks that is displayed on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/OtherAction.do?doRecognisedFpi=yes&intmId=35 and https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/OtherAction.do?doRecognisedFpi= yes&intmId=43, respectively as updated from time to time. For the list of UPI apps and banks live on IPO, please refer to the link: www.sebi.gov.in. UPI Bidders Bidding using the UPI mechanism may apply through the SCSBs and mobile applications whose names appear on the website of SEBI, as updated from time to time. Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited and ICICI Bank Limited have been appointed as Sponsor Banks for the Offer, in accordance with the requirements of the SEBI Circular dated November 1, 2018 as amended. For Offer related queries, please contact the BRLMs on their respective email IDs as mentioned below. For UPI related queries, investors can contact NPCI at the toll free number: 18001201740 and mail Id: ipo.upi@npci.org.in.

An indicative timetable in respect of the Offer is set out below:

Submission of Bids (other than Bids from Anchor Investors):

Bid/Offer Period (except the Bid/Offer Closing Date)	
Submission and Revision in Bids	Only between 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. IST
Bid/Offer Closing Date*	
Submission of Electronic Applications (Online ASBA through 3-in-1 accounts) - For RIIs, other than QIBs and Non-Institutional Investors	Only between 10.00 a.m. and up to 5.00 p.m. IST
Submission of Electronic Applications (Bank ASBA through Online channels like Internet Banking, Mobile Banking and Syndicate UPI ASBA applications)	Only between 10.00 a.m. and up to 4.00 p.m. IST
Submission of Electronic Applications (Syndicate Non-Retail, Non-Individual Applications)	Only between 10.00 a.m. and up to 3.00 p.m. IST
Submission of Physical Applications (Bank ASBA)	Only between 10.00 a.m. and up to 1.00 p.m. IST
Submission of Physical Applications (Syndicate Non-Retail, Non-Individual Applications of QIBs and Non-Institutional Investors	Only between 10.00 a.m. and up to 12.00 p.m. IST
Modification/ Revision/cancellation of Bids	
Upward Revision of Bids by QIBs and Non-Institutional Investors categories#	Only between 10.00 a.m. on the Bid/Offer Opening Date and up to 4.00 p.m. IST on Bid/Offer Closing Date
Upward or downward Revision of Bids or cancellation of Bids by RIIs	Only between 10.00 a.m. on the Bid/Offer Opening Date and up to 5.00 p.m. IST on Bid/Offer Closing Date

**UPI mandate end time and date shall be at 5:00 pm on the Bid/Offer Closing Date.*

 # QIBs and Non-Institutional Investors can neither revise their bids downwards nor cancel/ withdraw their Bids.

Bid/Offer Period

Event	Indicative Date
BID/OFFER OPENED ON^	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025
BID/OFFER CLOSES ON#	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025
FINALISATION OF BASIS OF ALLOTMENT WITH THE DESIGNATED STOCK EXCHANGE	On or about MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025
INITIATION OF REFUNDS FOR ANCHOR INVESTORS/ UNBLOCKING OF FUNDS FROM ASBA ACCOUNT*	On or about TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025
CREDIT OF EQUITY SHARES TO DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS	On or about TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025
COMMENCEMENT OF TRADING OF THE EQUITY SHARES ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE	On or about WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025

^The Anchor Investor Bid/ Offer Period shall be one Working Day prior to the Bid/Offer Opening Date in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, being Monday, November 3, 2025.

 # UPI mandate end time and date shall be at 5:00 pm on the Bid/Offer Closing Date.

**In case of any delay in unblocking of amounts in the ASBA Accounts (including amounts blocked through the UPI Mechanism) exceeding two Working Days from the Bid/Offer Closing Date for cancelled/withdrawn/deleted ASBA Forms, the Bidder shall be compensated at a uniform rate of ₹100 per day or 15% per annum of the Bid Amount, whichever is higher, from three Working Days from Bid/Offer Closing Date till the date of actual unblock, by the intermediary responsible for causing such delay in unblocking. The BRLMs and shall, in their sole discretion, identify and fix the liability on such intermediary or entity responsible for such delay in unblocking. The Bidder shall be compensated by the manner specified in the SEBI ICDR Master Circular, which for the avoidance of doubt, shall be deemed to be incorporated in the deemed agreement of the Company with the SCSBs, to the extent applicable. The processing fees for applications made by UPI Bidders using the UPI Mechanism may be released to the remitter banks (SCSBs) only after such banks provide a written confirmation in compliance with the SEBI ICDR Master Circular, for which the avoidance of doubt, shall be deemed to be incorporated in the deemed agreement of the Company with the SCSBs, to the extent applicable. The processing fee for applications made by the UPI Bidders using the UPI Mechanism may be released to the remitter banks (SCSBs) only after such banks provide a written confirmation on compliance with the SEBI ICDR Master Circular.*

THE EQUITY SHARES OF OUR COMPANY WILL GET LISTED ON MAIN BOARD PLATFORM OF THE STOCK EXCHANGES

In case of any revision in the Price Band, the Bid/ Offer Period shall be extended for at least three additional Working Days after such revision of the Price Band, subject to the total Bid/ Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. In cases of force majeure, banking strike or similar unforeseen circumstances, our Company may, in consultation with the BRLMs, for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the Bid/ Offer Period for a minimum of one Working Day, subject to the Bid/ Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. Any revision in the Price Band, and the revised Bid/ Offer Period, if applicable, shall be widely disseminated by notification to the Stock Exchanges, by issuing a public notice and also by indicating the change on the respective websites of the BRLMs and at the terminals of the Members of the Syndicate and by intimation to Designated Intermediaries and Sponsor Bank(s), as applicable.

The Offer is being made in terms of Rule 19(2)(b) of the SCRR read with Regulation 31 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations. The Offer is being made through the Book Building Process in accordance with Regulation 6(2) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations wherein in terms of Regulation 32(2) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, not less than 75% of the Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("**QIBs**", and such portion, the "**QIB Portion**") provided that our Company in consultation with the BRLMs, may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, of which at least one-third shall be available for allocation to domestic Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received from domestic Mutual Funds at or above the Anchor Investor Allocation Price. In the event of under-subscription or non-allocation in the Anchor Investor Portion, the balance Equity Shares shall be added to the QIB Portion (excluding the Anchor Investor Portion) ("**Net QIB Portion**"). Further, 5% of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis only to Mutual Funds and the remainder of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to all QIB Bidders (other than Anchor Investors) including Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. However, if the aggregate demand from Mutual Funds is less than 5% of the QIB Portion, the balance Equity Shares available for allocation in the Mutual Fund Portion will be added to the remaining QIB Portion for proportionate allocation to QIBs. If at least 75% of the Offer cannot be Allotted to QIBs, then the entire application money will be refunded forthwith. Further, not more than 15% of the Offer shall be available for allocation to Non-Institutional Bidders (the "**Non-Institutional Bidders**") out of which (a) one-third of such Non-Institutional portion shall be reserved for applicants with application size of more than ₹200,000 and up to ₹1,000,000; and (b) two-third of such Non-Institutional portion shall be reserved for applicants with application size of more than ₹1,000,000 provided that the unsubscribed Non-Institutional portion in either of such sub-categories may be allocated to applicants in the other sub-category of Non-Institutional Bidders in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. The allocation to each Non-Institutional Investor shall not be less than the minimum application size, subject to availability of Equity Shares in the Non-Institutional Portion and the remaining available Equity Shares, if any, shall be allocated on a proportionate basis in accordance with the conditions specified in this regard in Schedule XIII of the SEBI ICDR Regulations. Further not more than 10% of the Offer shall be available for allocation to RIIs in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received from them at or above the Offer Price. Anchor Investors are not permitted to participate in the Anchor Investor Portion of the Offer through the ASBA process. For details, see *"Offer Procedure"* beginning on page 460 of the RHP.

Bidders/ Applicants should ensure that DP ID, PAN, Client ID and UPI ID (for UPI Bidders bidding through the UPI Mechanism) are correctly filled in the Bid cum Application Form. The DP ID, PAN and Client ID provided in the Bid cum Application Form should match with the DP ID, PAN, Client ID available in the Depository database, otherwise, the Bid cum Application Form is liable to be rejected. Bidders/ Applicants should ensure that the beneficiary account provided in the Bid cum Application Form is active. Bidders/Applicants should note that on the basis of the PAN, DP ID, Client ID and UPI ID (for UPI Bidders bidding through the UPI Mechanism) as provided in the Bid cum Application Form, the Bidder/Applicant may be deemed to have authorised the Depositories to provide to the Registrar to the Offer, any requested Demographic Details of the Bidder/Applicant as available on the records of the depositories. These Demographic Details may be used, among other things, for giving Allotment Advice or unblocking of ASBA Account or for other correspondence(s) related to the Offer. Bidders/Applicants are advised to update any changes to their Demographic Details as available in the records of the Depository Participant to ensure accuracy of records. Any delay resulting from failure to update the Demographic Details would be at the Bidders'/Applicants' sole risk. Investors must ensure that their PAN is linked with Aadhaar and are in compliance with CBDT notification dated February 13, 2020 and press release dated June 25, 2021, read with press release dated September 17, 2021 and CBDT circular no.7 of 2022, dated March 30, 2022 read with press release dated March 28, 2023 and any subsequent press releases in this regard.

Contents of the Memorandum of Association of our Company as regards its objects: For information on the main objects of our Company, please see the section "*History and Certain Corporate Matters*" on page 263 of the RHP. The Memorandum of Association of our Company is a material document for inspection in relation to the Offer. For further details, please see the section titled "*Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection*" on page 526 of the RHP.

Liability of the members of our Company: Limited by shares

Amount of share capital of our Company and Capital structure: As on the date of the RHP, the authorised share capital of the Company is ₹ 46,650,000,000 divided into 23,325,000,000 Equity Shares of ₹2 each, and ₹ 3,350,000,000 divided into 335,000,000 Preference Shares of face value of ₹10 each. The issued, subscribed and paid-up share capital of the Company is ₹ 12,135,193,262 divided into 6,067,596,631 Equity Shares of face value ₹ 2 each. For details, please see the section titled *"Capital Structure"* on page 106 of the RHP.

Names of signatories to the Memorandum of Association of our Company and the number of Equity Shares subscribed by them: The initial signatories to the Memorandum of Association of our Company are Groww Inc and Shatrughan Kumar Roy. For details of the share capital history of our Company, please see the section titled *"Capital Structure"* on page 106 of the RHP.

Listing: The Equity Shares offered through the Red Herring Prospectus are proposed to be listed on the Stock Exchanges. Our Company has received in-principle approvals from BSE and NSE for listing of the Equity Shares pursuant to their letters each dated July 4, 2025. For the purposes of the Offer, NSE shall be the Designated Stock Exchange. A signed copy of the Red Herring Prospectus has been delivered and the Prospectus shall be filed with the RoC in accordance with Section 32 and Section 26(4) of the Companies Act, 2013, respectively.

Disclaimer Clause of the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"): SEBI only gives its observations on the Offer documents and this does not constitute approval of either the Offer or the specified securities stated in the Offer Document. The investors are advised to refer to page 424 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of SEBI.

Disclaimer Clause of NSE (Designated Stock Exchange): It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by NSE should not in any way be deemed or construed that the Offer Document has been cleared or approved by NSE nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the Offer Document. The investors are advised to refer to page 433 of the RHP for the full text of the Disclaimer Clause of NSE.

Disclaimer Clause of BSE: It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by BSE should not in any way be deemed or construed that the Red Herring Prospectus has been cleared or approved by BSE nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the Red Herring Prospectus. The investors are advised to refer to page 432 of the Red Herring Prospectus for the full text of the Disclaimer Clause of BSE.

General Risk: Investments in equity and equity-related securities involve a degree of risk and investors should not invest any funds in the Offer unless they can afford to take the risk of losing their entire investment. Investors are advised to read the risk factors carefully before taking an investment decision in the Offer. For taking an investment decision, investors must rely on their own examination of our Company and the Offer, including the risks involved. The Equity Shares have not been recommended or approved by the SEBI, nor does SEBI guarantee the accuracy or adequacy of the contents of the Red Herring Prospectus. Specific attention of the investors is invited to *"Risk Factors"* beginning on page 37 of the RHP.

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AVAILABILITY OF THE RHP: Investors are advised to refer to the RHP and the section titled *"Risk Factors"* on page 37 of the RHP, before applying in the Offer. A copy of the RHP is available on website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in, websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively, and on the website of the Company at www.groww.in; and on the websites of the **BRLMs,** i.e. Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited, J.P. Morgan India Private Limited, Citigroup Global Markets India Private Limited, Axis Capital Limited and Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors Limited at https://investmentbank.kotak.com, www.jpmipl.com, www.citigroup.com/global/aboutus/globalpresence/india/regulatory-disclosures-investment-banking, www.axiscapital.co.in, www.motilaloswalgroup.com, respectively.

AVAILABILITY OF THE ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS: A copy of the abridged prospectus is available on the website of the Company, the BRLMs and the Registrar to the Offer at www.groww.in, https://investmentbank.kotak.com, www.jpmipl.com, www.citigroup.com/global/aboutus/globalpresence/india/regulatory-disclosures-investment-banking, www.axiscapital.co.in, www.motilaloswalgroup.com and https://in.mpms.mufg.com/, respectively.

AVAILABILITY OF BID CUM APPLICATION FORMS: Bid cum Application Forms can be obtained from the Registered and Corporate Office of **BILLIONBRAINS GARAGE VENTURES LIMITED, Tel:** +91 80 6960 1300; **BRLMs : Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited, Tel:** +91 22 4336 0000, **J.P. Morgan India Private Limited, Tel:** +91 22 6157 3000, **Citigroup Global Markets India Private Limited, Tel:** +91 22 6175 9999, **Axis Capital Limited, Tel:** +91 22 4325 2183, and **Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors Limited, Tel:** +91 22 7193 4380 , **Syndicate Members: Kotak Securities Limited, Telephone:** +91 22 6218 5410, **Motilal Oswal Financial Services Limited, Telephone:** +91 22 7193 4200 and at the select locations of the Sub-syndicate Members (as given below), SCSBs, Registered Brokers, RTAs and CDPs participating in the Offer. Bid cum Application Forms will also be available on the websites of BSE and NSE and the Designated Branches of SCSBs, the list of which is available at websites of the Stock Exchanges and SEBI.

Sub-Syndicate Members: Alankit Imaginations Limited, Almondz Global Securities Ltd., Anand Rathi Share & Stock Brokers Limited, Anand Share Consultancy, ANS Pvt Limited, Asit C Mehta Investment Intermediates Limited, Axis Securities Limited, Centrum Broking Limited, Dalal & Broacha Stock Broking Private Limited, Finwizard Technology Private Limited, G Raj & Co. (Consultants) Limited, HDFC Securities Limited, ICICI Securities Limited, IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Limited, IIFL Capital Services Limited, IIFL Securities Ltd., Innovate Securities Pvt Limited, Jhaveri Securities, JM Financial Services Limited, Jobanputra Fiscal Services Private Limited, Kalpataru Multiplier Limited, Kantilal Chhaganlal Securities Pvt. Ltd., Keynote Capitals Limited, KJMC Capital Market Services Limited, Lakshmishree Investment & Securities Pvt Limited, LKP Securities Limited, Marwadi Shares & Finance, Nirmal Bang Securities Pvt Limited, Nuvama Wealth and Investment Limited (Edelweiss Broking Limited), Patel Wealth Advisors Pvt Limited, Prabhudas Lilladher Pvt Limited, Pravin Ratilal Share And Stock Brokers Ltd., RR Equity Brokers Private Limited, SBICAP Securities Limited, Sharekhan Limited, SMC Global Securities Limited, SS Corporate Securities Limited, Tanna Financial Services, TradeBulls Securites (P) Ltd., Upstox Securities Private Limited, Viren M Shah, YES Securities (India) Limited.

Escrow Collection Bank: Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited • **Refund Bank:** Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

Public Offer Account Bank: ICICI Bank Limited • **Sponsor Banks:** Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited and ICICI Bank Limited

All capitalized terms used herein and not specifically defined shall have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the RHP.

For **BILLIONBRAINS GARAGE VENTURES LIMITED**
On behalf of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
Roshan Bhanuprakash Dave
Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

Place: Bengaluru, Karnataka
Date: November 6, 2025

BILLIONBRAINS GARAGE VENTURES LIMITED is proposing, subject to receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, to make an initial public offering of its Equity Shares and has filed the RHP with RoC on October 29, 2025. The RHP is available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in, as well as on the websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE and NSE at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively, on the website of the Company at www.groww.in; and on the websites of the BRLMs, i.e. Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited, J.P. Morgan India Private Limited, Citigroup Global Markets India Private Limited, Axis Capital Limited and Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors Limited at https://investmentbank.kotak.com, www.jpmipl.com, www.citigroup.com/global/aboutus/globalpresence/india/regulatory-disclosures-investment-banking, www.axiscapital.co.in, www.motilaloswalgroup.com, respectively. Any potential investors should note that investment in equity shares involves a high degree of risk and for details relating to such risk, see *'Risk Factors'* beginning on page 37 of the RHP. Potential investors should not rely on the UDRHP-I filed with SEBI and Stock Exchanges for making any investment decision and should instead rely on the RHP, for making any investment decision.

This announcement is not an offer of securities for sale in the United States or elsewhere. This announcement has been prepared for publication in India only and is not for publication or distribution, directly or indirectly, in or into the United States. The Equity Shares described in this announcement have not been, and will not be, registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("**U.S. Securities Act**") or any state securities laws in the United States, and unless so registered, may not be offered or sold within the United States, or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. Persons (as defined in Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable U.S. state securities laws. The Company has not registered and does not intend to register under the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940 ("**Investment Company Act**"). Accordingly, the Equity Shares are being offered and sold (i) to persons in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, in each case that are both "qualified institutional buyers" as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act and "qualified purchasers" as defined under the Investment Company Act in transactions exempt from or not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act and in reliance on Section 3(c)(7) of the Investment Company Act and (ii) outside the United States to non-U.S. persons in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act and the applicable laws of the jurisdictions where such offers and sales are made. There will be no public offering in the United States.

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Digital arrest: Scammers pose as cops, con 71-yr-old of Rs 83L

Victim 'released' when she admitted that she had no money left for daily needs

MANJUNATH SHETTAR
BENGALURU, DHNS

A 71-year-old woman who had returned from Saudi Arabia was allegedly conned of Rs 83 lakh by cyber crooks who kept her under 'digital arrest' for nearly a month, convincing her that she was under surveillance by the Delhi Police.

A senior officer from CEN (North) said the victim, a resident of RMV 2nd Stage near Mathikere, had earlier worked for a private firm in Saudi Arabia.

On October 5, she received a call from a woman identifying herself as Keerthi Sharma from the Telecom Department. The caller claimed that two SIM cards registered in her name were being used for illegal money laundering and would soon be deactivated.

When the woman sought clarification, another caller identifying himself as Neeraj Thakur, purportedly a senior officer with the Delhi Police, told her she was under digital arrest and would be monitored for three months. He instructed her to follow orders strictly and communicate only through video calls.

Believing them to be genuine officers, the victim shared her bank account details and credentials. Over several transactions spanning nearly a month, the fraudsters siphoned off Rs 83 lakh from multiple bank accounts.

The scammers also forbade her from stepping out or speaking to anyone, claiming she was "under observation". They later told her she was "released" on November 1 after she said she had no money left even for daily expenses.

On November 5, the woman sought help from her son's friend for financial assistance. When he learnt of the fraud, he accompanied her to the CEN North police station, where a case was registered. Police are yet to identify the accused.

Officers said the victim, originally from West Bengal, had moved to Bengaluru after her husband's death to live with her son, who later began living separately, leaving her alone.

KPCL's energy plant operated for months without approval, records reveal

Activists flag pollution, health & safety concerns

BENGALURU, DHNS

The waste-to-energy plant commissioned by the Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) in Bidadi had functioned for a few months without statutory clearances until the pollution authorities issued a notice, official documents with climate activists has revealed, expressing concern over its impact on people's health.

The plant operated by KPC Gas Power Corporation Limited was commissioned on December 12, 2024, declaring the beginning of the commercial operation. It did not operate between January 4 and April 4 due to a major accident that killed five people.

In a letter dated June 10, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) had issued a show-cause notice to the plant for failing to get authorisation under the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules. The plant was told to explain within seven days as to why further action should not be taken for "operating the plant without authorisation".

Sampreetha, Vignesh and Srinidhi Gurunath from FridaysforFuture, a collective of young climate activists, said the documents have exposed serious violations and gross negligence. They also alleged that authorities were not monitoring the possible heavy metal contamination and emission of dioxins and furans from the plant.

"(We) demand the Government of Karnataka immediately halt the incineration-based waste management projects like the one in Bidadi. Anything less is a betrayal of both science and justice," it said.

In a response not signed by any authority, KPCL denied the show-cause notice was issued despite replying to such a notice in a letter dated July 21. It said the operations were done by adhering to best practices and attributed the tragic accident to a 'human error'.

Referring to the allegations concerning emissions and heavy metal contamination, the KPCL said it has implemented emission controlling methods and was working to utilise the fly ash generated in the plant.

Techie held for hoax bomb threats to city schools, colleges

Rene Joshilda

BENGALURU, DHNS: Bengaluru police have arrested a woman software engineer for sending multiple hoax bomb threat emails to schools and colleges across the city.

The North Division Cybercrime police took the 30-year-old accused, Rene Joshilda, a Tamil Nadu native and employee of a private firm, into custody. During interrogation, she confessed to sending the threats to several institutions, including a public school in Kalasipalya, on June 14.

Investigations revealed that Rene had earlier been lodged in the Ahmedabad Central Prison for a similar offence. She allegedly used VPN services and virtual mobile numbers obtained through an app called GetCood to conceal her identity. She also created seven WhatsApp accounts to execute her plan.

The city police brought her to Bengaluru under a body warrant and, over four days of questioning, found that she had sent similar threats to institutions in Gujarat, Mysuru, and Chennai, including one to the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

The motive? Revenge

A senior police officer said the motive was revenge.

After a male colleague rejected her proposal and married another woman, she used his email ID to send the threats, intending to frame him and have him arrested.

Police said she had discussed the plan with friends and researched on how to send hoax emails.

Further investigation is underway to determine the full extent of her involvement and to retrieve the technical details of the threats.

Is Pink the new Yellow for Metro? Equipment woes hit train supply

Pink Line faces delays as BEML struggles to supply prototype

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MUTHI-UR-RAHMAN SIDDIQUI
BENGALURU, DHNS

Is Pink the new Yellow for Bengaluru Metro? Well, perhaps.

The 7.5-km elevated section of the Pink Line is ready but trial runs are stalled for want of trains.

Bengaluru-headquartered PSU BEML, contracted to deliver a prototype train in June 2025, has yet to do so. The company is facing a shortage of major equipment and hasn't begun type tests due to the lack of facilities in India, multiple officials said.

BEML has now promised to deliver the prototype in December but authoritative sources say type tests could take up to six months, potentially delaying the opening of the Kalena Agrahara-Tavarekere section beyond May 2026.

The delay is reminiscent of the Yellow Line, which opened nearly two years late for similar reasons.

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) will need 6-8 trains to open the elevated line within seven months but only two trains are currently being manufactured at BEML's city plant, one of the officials said.

BEML was awarded a Rs 3,177-crore contract on August 7, 2023, to supply 53 six-coach driverless trainsets for Namma Metro. These included 37 trains for the Blue Line (Silk Board Junction-KR Pura-Kempegowda International Airport; 58.19 km) and 16 trains for the Pink Line (Kalena Agrahara-Nagavara; 21.26 km). In March 2025, BEML received a variation order worth Rs 405 crore for seven more trains for the Pink Line for Rs 405 crore.

One of the coaches of the Pink Line prototype train being manufactured by BEML in Bengaluru. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The BMRCL plans to open the Pink Line in two phases — the elevated section in May 2026 and the 13.76-km underground section (Dairy Circle-Nagavara) in December 2026. However, train supply delays threaten these targets.

A senior BMRCL official with knowledge of the matter said prototype train manufacturing was delayed primarily due to the unavailability of major equipment and facilities to conduct type tests *(see the box)*.

"These issues could push back approvals from the Ministry of Railways and the Research Designs and Standards Organisations (RDSO), as well as the statutory clearance by the Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety (CMRS)," the official told *DH*.

Once the prototype arrives, the BMRCL will carry out its own tests, both at the depot and on the mainline.

At the same time, it will submit documents to the RDSO, which will conduct oscillation trials and issue a speed certificate. The CMRS will then inspect the train and issue a safety certificate.

In August, BEML Chairman and Managing Director Shantanu Roy had told *DH* that prototype manufacturing was in advanced stages, with nearly half the work complete, and that 20 trains would be delivered by March 2026.

However, based on current progress, BEML is unlikely to supply even eight trains in the next five months.

A spokesperson for BEML declined to comment.

What's causing the delay?

BEML has to supply 60 trains for Namma Metro. The prototype, expected in June, will now arrive only in December.

The delay is due to unavailability of major equipment such as gearbox assembly, motor wheel sets, Current Collection Device and door items.

There is also a delay in type tests — bogey fatigue, crash and carbody squeeze tests — due to unavailability of facilities in India. The bogey fatigue test involves placing loads on different parts of the coach. The process alone takes three months as millions of cycles are required.

500 metric tonnes of dry waste to reach Bidadi unit by Nov end

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) aims to deliver 500 metric tonnes of segregated dry waste to the Bidadi waste-to-energy plant by the end of November.

This move is expected to reduce the amount of waste ending up in landfills.

Currently, 200 tonnes of household-segregated dry waste and about 400 tonnes of Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) are supplied to the plant. RDF is a fuel created from processed, non-recyclable waste, including segregated legacy waste from Mandur and material from dry waste collection centres.

"Earlier, we sent most of the city's mixed waste directly to landfills. Now, with mandatory source segregation at the household level, we separate RDF and send it to the Bidadi plant. As a result, the number of compactors transporting waste to landfills has decreased from 390 to 340 over the past month," said Kareegowda, CEO of BSWML.

Officials from the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) and Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) visited and inspected the plant on Thursday.

Since June 2024, the plant has processed 1,68,000 metric tonnes of waste and generated 54.29 million units of electricity. The plant supplies this energy to the Bidadi substation.

Officials estimate that the energy produced at the plant could power nearly 25,000 homes. "The plant generates 11.50 megawatts (MW) of electricity per day. Given that each household consumes an average of 5 units of power daily, the plant can supply electricity to approximately 25,000 homes.

"If source segregation is implemented effectively citywide, three more such plants could be established, collectively generating power for nearly 1,00,000 households."

The Bidadi waste-to-energy plant, the first of its kind, was established under a joint agreement between the GBA and KPCL, at a total cost of Rs 314.74 crore.

B'luru-based NGO launches autism app on silver jubilee year

BENGALURU, DHNS: A city-based non-profit, working on early intervention for children with autism spectrum disorder, is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a three-day event — from November 7 to 9 — at the Bangalore International Centre (BIC), Domlur.

The Com DEALL Trust's early intervention programme began on November 1, 2000.

"The services for children with autism are few and far between and scattered across the country, even in a place like Bengaluru. As a trained speech pathologist, I had earlier worked with children with autism, and many parents had reached out to me to put together a programme to help the children because they were unsure where to go. That's when I put together a multidisciplinary, early intervention programme," said Dr Prathibha Karanth, founder-director and managing trustee of Com DEALL, sharing the background of the initiative.

Over the years, hundreds of children have benefited from the programme, she said. A scientifically controlled study using evidence-based practices has established the programme's efficacy.

The event will begin on Friday evening with the launch of a documentary and coffee table book on the organisation. The release will be done by Uma Mahadevan, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner.

"We're also launching a mobile app because we thought it would help reach people in small towns and rural areas to raise awareness about autism and related disorders and facilitate early intervention. We've been working on the app for the two years, testing it with multiple groups of children across the country, and the results have been positive."

Closed-door presentations and workshops for professionals will be held on Saturday and Sunday. Public can visit an art exhibition featuring works by children with autism and informative stalls on early intervention at BIC during the three-day event.

New drive to let citizens play traffic cop for a day

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) is gearing up for a unique civic outreach programme this November.

Dubbed 'Be a Traffic Cop for a Day', the initiative aims to bridge the gap between citizens and law enforcement by offering a first-hand experience of managing the city's notorious traffic, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Karthik Reddy told *DH*.

Traffic police deploy drones for real-time monitoring in Bengaluru. DH PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

Citizens above 18 years who wish to participate must register via the BTP's Astram mobile app. After registration, volunteers will undergo a mandatory one-hour training session before selecting a junction of their choice. They can then assist in traffic management for a two-hour or four-hour shift each day.

Reddy said the core philosophy of the initiative is public sensitisation. "Our intention is to make them understand the ground reality of the challenges faced by traffic police."

He said a commuter might sometimes take a route that helps reach a destination faster, but could unintentionally cause inconvenience to others. The programme also aims to highlight "how a traffic constable's job is so tiresome" and promote empathy and cooperation among commuters.

BTP officials said they are open to citizens' suggestions for improving traffic management and have promised to implement practical ideas shared by participants.

Rowdy held after bid to attack cops during arrest

BENGALURU, DHNS: Kalasipalya police arrested a 25-year-old rowdy-sheeter and his two associates after they allegedly tried to attack police personnel while resisting arrest in Tilak Nagar on Wednesday.

The accused, Shazad Pasha, has multiple criminal cases pending against him and had jumped bail. He was found with his associates Yaseen Shariff and Anas Pasha when a police team, led by ASI Srinivasamurthy, tried to apprehend them based on a tip-off.

As the team closed in, Anas Pasha reportedly pulled out a machete and attempted to attack the officers before stabbing himself and urging the others to flee. Police overpowered them and arrested all three.

KMF staffer held for assaulting cop in road rage incident

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Tilak Nagar police on Thursday arrested a 34-year-old marketing manager with the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) for allegedly assaulting a traffic constable in full public view following a road rage incident at Jayanagar 9th Block on Wednesday morning.

The accused, Praveen TS, a resident of Bannerghatta Road, has been booked under various charges.

According to the complaint filed by traffic constable Umashankar R, the incident occurred on East End Road around 10.30 am when Praveen, driving his car rashly, took a U-turn from the wrong side on the busy Bannerghatta Road and knocked down a biker. The constable intervened to manage traffic and asked Praveen to move his vehicle.

Praveen is said to have punched Umashankar in the face with his car key and continued the assault until bystanders intervened. The injured constable was taken to a private hospital, and senior officers were informed.

Police later traced and arrested Praveen based on his vehicle details.

SUSTAINABLE URBAN FUTURE

Expert at Nobel Prize Dialogue wants health-first cities; calls for change

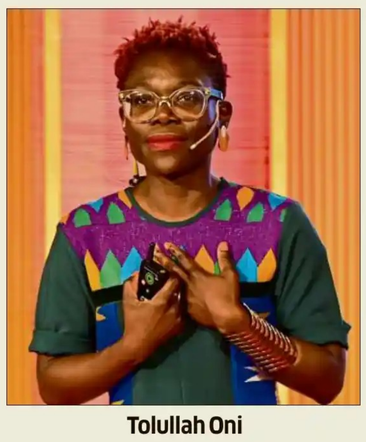
ASRA MAVAD
BENGALURU, DHNS

Health and urban infrastructure are more intertwined than most city dwellers realise, said Tolullah Oni, a public health physician, scientist, and urban epidemiologist.

Speaking to *DH*, she stressed the need for stronger communication and cooperation between the health and urban development sectors to reduce sickness rates in cities.

Tolullah also delivered a talk on 'Designing Hopeful Cities–Institutions of the Future for Inclusive and Sustainable Progress' at the Nobel Prize Dialogue held in Bengaluru on Monday.

The event was organised by Nobel Prize Dialogue India 2025 in partnership with Tata Trusts.


Tolullah Oni

Tolullah, who enjoyed running through Bengaluru's green lanes, expressed dismay over the city's shrinking green cover. She believes urban health cannot improve if the health and planning sectors work in isolation.

"A vast majority of factors that influence our health lie outside the healthcare sector," she said.

"They lie in the environments where we live, where we work, where we play, and where we connect. They lie in our transport systems, our education systems, our energy infrastructure, our built environments, and our food environments. So, when we actually talk about creating health, of course, healthcare is absolutely critical. But let us be sure that the 80% of factors that are shaping population health are actually being designed to optimise health and not delete it.

"If you do not center and think about how the built environment can optimise health, just doing it well does not necessarily create health," she elaborated.

Tolullah, who enjoyed running through Bengaluru's green lanes, expressed dismay over the city's shrinking green cover. She believes urban health cannot improve if the health and planning sectors work in isolation.

The main reasons, she said, are "problem blindness" and lack of data. Policymakers, she suggested, must explicitly link exposure in urban environments to health outcomes, especially when they occur at different times and places.

3 months after fatal mauling, another dog attack in same area

BENGALURU, DHNS: A 33-year-old man was attacked by stray dogs just a few metres from the spot where an elderly man was mauled to death by a pack of dogs three months ago.

The incident occurred in Kempegowda Nagar around 8 pm on Wednesday. The victim, who suffered 8 to 10 bites, is under observation at Victoria Hospital.

Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) officials said the man was under the influence of alcohol and could not escape or call for help.

"We heard that he was drunk. There were a couple of other people with him. While the others ran away, he could not run and got caught," said one of the officials.

Following the attack, GBA officials caught 12 dogs and are observing their behaviour to identify the aggressive ones. After the previous incident, the authority had caught 38 dogs, but residents say little has changed.

"They take away dogs and leave them back after a few days. Nothing has changed from then to now," said Lakshmi, a resident of Kodigehalli.

Back-to-back dog attacks have left residents anxious.

"This morning, as I was walking to work, the police who were at the scene of the dog bite asked me to be careful. Now, I am worried. Since I do household chores, I keep going from house to house. The area is full of dogs, and I am very scared," said Manamma, a housemaid in the locality.

GBA officials said they were keeping a close watch on aggressive dogs. "We keep monitoring the dogs in that area," said a senior GBA official.

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At 64.66%, Bihar phase 1 poll turnout highest-ever

Voting held to 121 seats in peaceful elections

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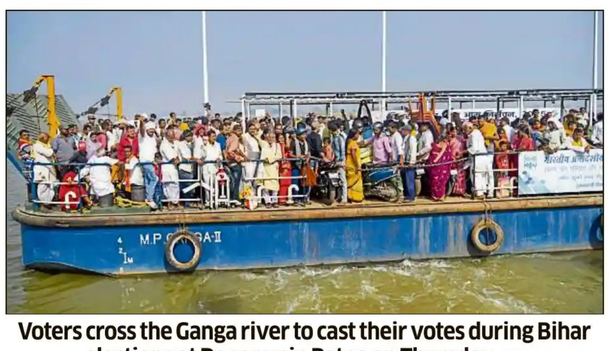

Voters cross the Ganga river to cast their votes during Bihar elections at Danapur in Patna on Thursday. PTI

ALL IN A DAY

- Begusarai clocks highest turnout, Sheikhpura records the lowest
- In a few constituencies, voters complain about missing names
- Deputy CM Vijay Sinha complains that his convoy was attacked by miscreants
- RJD claims Sinha himself orchestrated attacks to get votes

Barring a few minor skirmishes, polling for the first phase of the Bihar Assembly elections in 121 of 243 constituencies remained by and large peaceful.

At 8.15 pm, according to the Election Commission, the voter turnout recorded was 64.66%, which surpassed the cumulative turnout for a Bihar Assembly election since 1951-52 polls. This figure would further increase as 1,570 presiding officers are yet to update the figures on ECINet.

The previous highest of 62.57% was in 2000 for the entire Assembly polls. The lowest was in 1951-52 when 42.6% was the turnout. For Lok Sabha polls, the highest was 64.6% in 1998 while the lowest was 40.35% in 1951-52.

BIHAR VOTES

Those who voted included Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, former CMs Lalu Prasad and Rabri Devi, Mahagathbandhan CM face Tejashwi Yadav, Bihar's Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary and popular teacher-cum-YouTuber Khan Sir.

Incidentally, all three top guns – Nitish, Lalu and Rabri - are not contesting the Assembly polls for different reasons. While Nitish and Rabri are members of the Legislative Council, Lalu has been debarred from contesting any poll following his conviction in the fodder scam.

> Bihar has shown the way. SIR with zero appeals and highest voter turnout since 1951. Purest electoral rolls and enthusiastic participation of electors. Democracy wins. It has been an amazing journey for EC
>
> -GYANESH KUMAR
> Chief Election Commissioner

Nitish, who was one of the early voters today, went to Bakhtiyarpur, 50 km from Patna, to cast his vote, while Lalu and his family, including his daughters, exercised their franchise here in the state capital.

The first phase of voting, which began at 7 am on Thursday and ended at 6 pm, saw the highest polling percentage in Begusarai, while Sheikhpura recorded the lowest.

Bihar is the first state in the country where elections are being held after the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls was carried out earlier this year and its voters' numbers came down from 7.9 crore to 7.4 crore, post-SIR.

In a few constituencies, voters complained that their names had been struck off the electoral rolls.

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New policy: Govt aims to create 25,000 startups in 5 years

BENGALURU, DHNS

Karnataka aims to create 25,000 startups, 10,000 of which will be outside Bengaluru, as per the state government's startup policy, which was approved by the Cabinet on Thursday.

Addressing reporters after the Cabinet meeting, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil said: "The Cabinet has approved the Karnataka Startup Policy (2025-30), which will cost Rs 518.27 crore in a span of five years. As per this scheme, Karnataka intends to establish up to 25,000 startups, of which 10,000 will be outside the Bengaluru cluster."

The startups are expected to focus on areas such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, quantum computing and other deep tech domains.

According to a note by the IT/BT Department, India has the third-largest startup ecosystem in the world, with 1.59 lakh startups, of which 73,151 are led by women.

The note claims that currently Karnataka has over 18,000 registered startups, accounting for 15% of all the startups recognised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

Karnataka Startup Policy (2025-30)

- Focus on AI, blockchain, quantum computing, other deep tech
- 10k startups outside the B'luru cluster
- 6 tech clusters identified
- Mysuru, Mangaluru and Tumakuru - Cluster A
- Hubballi-Dharwad, Kalaburgi and Shivamogga - Cluster B

₹518.27 crore Total Cost (5 years)

▸ Startup, Page 6

TECH APPROACH

- Mobile app, GPS tracking, weighbridge integration, CCTV surveillance must not be standalone projects
- CCTV surveillance network must function as primary data-gathering, enforcement network
- Violations captured by CCTVs to be processed, penalties issued and tracked through the same digital platform
- HC says governing principle for initiative shall be "One City, One Platform" for all SWM-related interactions

HC orders unified tech platform to tackle B'luru's garbage mess

Directs forming panel for monitoring implementation

AMBARISH B
BENGALURU, DHNS

Stating that Bengaluru is plagued by the chronic issue of "garbage black spots", the Karnataka High Court directed the establishment of a single, unified and integrated digital platform for solid waste management for Bengaluru.

The directions were issued taking judicial notice of the persistent and widespread failure of the authorities to effectively implement the statutory framework governing municipal solid waste management (SWM), the court said.

"This unified platform is mandated to avoid multiple, fragmented applications for different services. The governing principle for this initiative shall be "One City, One Platform" for all SWM-related interactions, ensuring a seamless and coherent experience for citizens, operators and administrators," Justice Suraj Govindaraj said.

'Violations by Bidadi waste plant'

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), in a report submitted to the National Green Tribunal (NGT), has exposed serious violations and gross negligence at the Bengaluru Waste-to-Energy (WTE) incineration plant (Bidadi WTE).

▸ Garbage, Page 4

Public gathering GO: HC dismisses state's plea

BENGALURU, DHNS: A division bench of the Karnataka HC's Dharwad bench dismissed on Thursday an appeal filed by the state challenging a single bench interim order which had stayed the operation of the GO that mandated prior permission for the gathering of people on government properties.

The division bench directed the state to approach the same single judge with a request to vacate the stay.

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Sugarcane price: Chief minister says ready to discuss with PM

BENGALURU, DHNS: Amid protests by sugarcane farmers in the Kittur Karnataka region seeking higher prices for their crop, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said on Thursday that the procurement price of the crop was set by the Union government and that he would seek an appointment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss the issue.

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US firm to invest Rs 1,500 cr in K'taka AI project

BENGALURU, DHNS: US-headquartered Burkhan World Investment Group has announced plans to invest about Rs 1,500 crore in Karnataka for the production of advanced AI-powered servers.

"The company has sought 10–15 acres near Devanahalli, which will be provided. This is expected to generate significant employment opportunities," Minister MB Patil said.

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Hosur airport: TN to move Centre for site clearance

E T B SIVAPRIYAN
CHENNAI, DHNS

Fast-tracking the ambitious Hosur airport project after identifying about 2,000 acres in Krishnagiri district, the Tamil Nadu government will apply for site clearance for the greenfield infrastructure in the next two weeks, sources aware of the matter said.

Site clearance is the first of many approvals needed from the Union Civil Aviation Ministry to proceed with the project, which envisages an exclusive airport for the burgeoning industrial city, adjacent to Bengaluru, with a capacity to handle 3 crore passengers annually.

The sources told *DH* that the state government also hopes to kick-start land acquisition process for the airport in the next four months, ahead of the issuance of notification for the 2026 Assembly elections.

While the Krishnagiri district administration is preparing the Land Development Plan (LDP) for the project, the state government is keen on not wasting time and preparing documents to move the aviation ministry for site clearance for the project.

"Two levels of approval are needed from the Centre, with site clearance followed by in-principle approval. We will apply for site clearance in the next two weeks as approvals in such cases take longer time," one of the sources said.

The development comes amid plans by the Karnataka government to build a second airport for Bengaluru.

▸ Hosur airport, Page 5

Cong top brass bides time amid K'taka leadership tussle

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Congress high command is learnt to have conveyed to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah that it will decide the way forward — his continuation or replacement — only after "things calm down" in the state, essentially skirting the leadership question that is keeping the pot boiling.

The high command's stance was discussed at a closed-door meeting Siddaramaiah held with his loyalist ministers Krishna Byre Gowda and Dinesh Gundu Rao late on Wednesday night.

The trio closeted amid speculation about leadership changes in the state after November 20, when the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government completes two and a half years in office, and that Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar is waiting to take the reins.

Last week, Gowda and Rao met Congress general secretary KC Venugopal.

▸ Leadership tussle, Page 4

DKS: No 'November revolution'

Dismissing rumours of a "November revolution", Deputy CM DK Shivakumar said there would be a revolution only in 2028 with the Congress retaining power in Karnataka. He insisted he is a "disciplined soldier" of the party.

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GIVE & TECH

Generocity: B'luru ranks 3rd on philanthropy list

UMA KANNAN
BENGALURU, DHNS

TOP INDIAN DONORS

Nandan Nilekani	Rs 365 crore
Rohini Nilekani	Rs 204 crore
Ranjan Pai	Rs 160 crore
Azim Premji	Rs 147 crore
Nikhil Kamath	Rs 147 crore
Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw	Rs 83 crore

Bengaluru ranks third among the country's most generous cities, with philanthropists contributing over Rs 1,588 crore this year. Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani tops the list in Bengaluru with Rs 365 crore donations, according to EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2025.

Naghma Mulla, CEO, EdelGive Foundation, told *DH* that Bengaluru serves as the tech capital of the nation, and it is no surprise that their approach to philanthropy is a natural extension of how they approach their businesses, with innovation, strategy, focus and a problem-solving mindset.

"Over the last century and more, we have seen people of wealth and resources give generously in the hopes of supporting a growing nation, and these philanthropists from Bengaluru are no different," Naghma Mulla said. Mumbai tops with Rs 2,649 crore donations, followed by New Delhi at Rs 3,266 crore. Ranjan Pai, chairman of Manipal Education and Medical Group (MEMG), has donated Rs 160 crore while Azim Premji and family donated Rs 147 crore.

With a donation of Rs 204 crore, Rohini Nilekani is the most generous woman, followed by Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, who donated Rs 83 crore. Nikhil Kamath (39) of Zerodha is the youngest philanthropist with a family contribution of Rs 147 crore.

Infy co-founders' record

The Infosys Family has set a record in philanthropy with the co-founders and their families — Nandan Nilekani, Kris Gopalakrishnan, K Dinesh, Rohini Nilekani, and Kumari Shibulal — collectively donating over Rs 850 crore this year, according to EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2025.

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Inter-school bird quiz 'Wingmasters 2025' on Nov 15

BENGALURU, DHNS: The inter-school bird quiz, Wingmasters 2025, will be held on November 15 at Jayamahal Palace.

Organised by Early Bird, a non-profit initiative of the Nature Conservation Foundation, Wingmasters 2025 is open to students from classes 5 to 10.

In preparation for the quiz, Early Bird and Sanctuary Nature Foundation's Kids for Tigers will jointly conduct bird education activities across 20 Bengaluru schools for Young Birders' Month.

Registration details

Interested schools can register through the Young Birders Month website at https://youngbirders.in/event/wingmasters-the-ultimate-inter-school-bird-quiz/.

Participation in Wingmasters is free. The deadline to register for the quiz is Monday.

Posing as guests, duo robs 61-yr-old woman in Attibele

Enter house on the pretext of giving wedding invite

BENGALURU, DHNS

An elderly woman was tied up, gagged, and robbed at her house in Neraluru, Attibele, on Wednesday by two persons who entered her home under the pretext of delivering a wedding invitation.

They escaped with around 200 grams of gold ornaments worth about Rs 10 lakh.

Police said Nagaveni, 61, was alone when her husband, Ravi Kumar, had gone to work. Around 2.30 pm, a woman came to the house, introduced herself as a distant relative, and showed Nagaveni a wedding invitation. Believing her, Nagaveni welcomed her inside and offered water.

When Nagaveni went to the kitchen to make tea, a male accomplice entered and locked the door from inside. The duo then threatened Nagaveni at knifepoint, tied her hands and legs, and ransacked the house before fleeing with the valuables.

After freeing herself, Nagaveni raised an alarm, drawing the attention of neighbours. She informed her husband, and the Attibele police were alerted.

Senior police officers, along with an FSL team, conducted a spot mahazar. "We have no clues about the suspects so far as there are no CCTV cameras in and around the locality. We are investigating the case from all angles," a police officer said.

Provision store owner hacked to death at home in Anekal

BENGALURU, DHNS: A 40-year-old provision store owner was hacked to death by unidentified assailants inside his house in broad daylight at Kittaganahalli in Anekal taluk on Tuesday.

The deceased has been identified as Madesh, a native of Denkanikottai in Tamil Nadu.

A senior police officer said Madesh was alone at home when the assailants barged in armed with a knife and an air gun and slit his throat before fleeing.

A neighbour who saw a man escaping on a bike tried to stop him, but the accused attacked him and fled. Locals called the police helpline 112 to report the incident.

Hebbagodi police rushed to the spot and conducted a mahazar, recovering an the air gun, knife, a metal detector, torch, helmet, and a bag. Fingerprint experts and a dog squad were pressed into service. Around Rs 2 lakh in cash found at the house remained untouched, the officer said.

Madesh had been living in Kittaganahalli for 15 years, running a cigarette distribution business and a provision store. He was building a house with proceeds from selling ancestral property in his village. Recently, he developed gangrene in his leg and was confined to home. Police suspect the killer was known to him.

A special team has been formed to track down the accused, and financial or property dispute is suspected to be the motive.

Spoken Kannada classes

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Kannada Prasaara Parishat has started online spoken Kannada classes in two batches.

The Basic Spoken Kannada Class Batch-1, which began on November 2, will conclude in the second week of January. The classes are held on Fridays (7.30 pm to 9 pm) and Sundays (10.30 am to noon).

Batch-2, which began on November 4, will end in the second week of January. The classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays (7.30 pm to 9 pm).

Each batch will have 30 hours of classes spread over 20 sessions. Both batches will continue only if at least 20 participants register. If enough participants register, level-2 classes will be launched.

For details, contact BV Raghavan at 9448878569.

Special trains to Bihar

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Eastern Railway will operate special trains connecting Bengaluru and cities in Bihar to clear the extra rush of passengers.

Train number 03403 will depart from Bhagalpur at 10.30 pm on November 7 and arrive at Yeshwantpur at 11.50 pm on November 9 via KR Puram and SMVT Bengaluru.

Train number 03404 will depart from Yeshwantpur at 7 am on November 10 and reach Bhagalpur at 7.30 am on November 12 via Yelahanka.

Both trains will be unreserved.

Train number 05545 will depart from Muzaffarpur at 9.15 pm on November 11 and 12, and arrive at Yeshwantpur at 11.50 pm on November 13 and 14, respectively.

Its stoppages include KR Puram and SMVT Bengaluru.

Train number 05546 will leave SMVT Bengaluru at 3.50 pm on November 14 and 15, and reach Muzaffarpur at 7 pm on November 16 and 17, respectively. It will have a stoppage at KR Puram.

Hindustani classical vocal concert tomorrow

BENGALURU, DHNS: Sri Rama Lalitha Kala Mandira will present 'Havaldars at Concert' with Pandit Nagaraj Rao Havaldar and Omkarnath Havaldar on vocals, Sameer Havaldar on harmonium, and Kedarnath Havaldar on tabla at 6 pm on Saturday at 9th Main, Banashankari, 2nd Stage.

◆ IN THE CITY ◆

GENERAL

Charaka Women's Cooperative Association: Release of 'The Charaka Story'; Chitrakala Parishat, Kumarakrupa Road; 10.30 am.

CMR University: International conference on FinTech; Varsity premises, OMBR campus; 10.30 am.

Kannada Development Authority: Workshop inauguration by Shivaraj Tangadagi, Baragur Ramachandrappa, Purushothama Bilimale and others to take part; Karnataka State Government Employees Hall, Cubbon Park; 11 am.

The Com DEALL Trust: Silver jubilee, release of documentary and table book; Uma Mahadevan and others; Bangalore International Centre, Domlur; from 5.30 pm onwards.

Indian Mental Health Alliance and Westland Books: Release of book 'Homecoming', coauthored by Neha Kirpal and Nandini Murali; Bangalore International Centre, Domlur; 6.30 pm.

Indian Council for Cultural Relations: 'Srirama Charitamrutam'-dance recital by Tejasvini Gajanur and Yashaswini Gajanur; Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Race Course Road; 6.30 pm.

CULTURAL

Rangapayana: Theatre festival closing ceremony; Helen Mysuru, Nagalakshmi and others; Kalagarama, Mallattahalli; 3 pm.

BM Sri Foundation: Inauguration of Halegannada classes; MVC Hall, BMS Sri Kalabhavana, NR Colony; from 5 pm onwards.

Kalakshiti Kala Samsthe: 'Chitrakoote Dharmavaibhavam' dance recital; JSS Hall, Jayanagar; from 5.30 pm onwards.

Academy of Music: Carnatic music by Bhargavi Venkatram and Harikathe recital by Vishakha Hari; Chowdaiah Memorial Hall, Malleswaram; 6 pm.

◆ CITY WEATHER ◆

FORECAST

Generally cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain or thundershowers

TEMPERATURES

Maximum	28.0°C
Minimum	19.0°C
Rainfall	--
Humidity	81%
Sunset (Nov 7)	5:52 pm
Sunrise (Nov 8)	6:15 am
Moonrise	6:32 am
Moonset	6:47 pm

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm) Source: IMD

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Sl. No.	Section	Chainage in KM		Probable date of Energization
1	Marikuppam station phase-I loop line road-3	15/823.4 (-823-40)	1/0.90	17.11.2025

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 31.10.2025

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Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, Traction Distribution, Construction , Bengaluru Cantonment

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ई–प्रोक्युरमेंट सूचना
(एस0बी0डी0 आधारित ई–निविदा)

ई–निविदा प्रसंग संख्या–**RCD/BOKARO/1541/F.Y. 2025-26** दिनांक–04.11.2025

1.	कार्य का नाम	पथ प्रमण्डल, बोकारो अन्तर्गत मामरकुदर–बरमसिया – वेस्ट बंगाल बॉर्डर पथ (कुल लम्बाई 17.20 कि0मी0) का IRQP कार्य, 2025–26
2.	प्राक्कलित राशि (रूपये में)	14,05,44,000.00 (चौदह करोड़ पाँच लाख चौवालीस हजार) रूपये मात्र।
3.	कार्य पूर्ण होने की अवधि	04 (चार) माह।
4.	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन होने की तिथि एवं समय	13.11.2025, 12.00 बजे दोपहर।
5.	बिड प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	05.12.2025, 12.00 बजे दोपहर तक।
6.	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता	कार्यालय, कार्यपालक अभियंता, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, बोकारो
7.	प्रोक्युरमेंट पदाधिकारी का सम्पर्क संख्या	**06542–265569**
8.	ई–प्रोक्युरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाईन संख्या	**0651–2400210**

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited by the Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Southern Railway, Salem - 636005 for the following works:

Sl. No.	Description	Description
1	Tender Notice Number and Date	GEM/2025/B/6827587 Dt : 28.10.2025
2.	Name of work	Outcome Based comprehensive cleaning contract at Podanur & Coimbatore Railway Colonies for a period of 730 days inclusive of garbage disposal
3.	Estimate Value	Rs. 1,31,84,378/-
4.	Earnest Money	Rs. 2,16,000/-
5.	Tender Closing Date and Time	18-11-2025 at 20.00 hrs.
6.	Web address	https://www.gem.gov.in

The firms registered in GeM portal are only eligible to participate in this tender. For details of bid submission, please refer website portal **"https://www.gem.gov.in**
For details above scope of work, approximate value of tender, location and other documents, please refer website portal **'https://www.gem.gov.in'.**
Note : It is the responsibility of the tenderers to check any Corrigendum is issued for any correction deletion or modifications uploaded subsequently in the website and the same shall be taken into account while uploading the tender. For further details please visit website at **"https://www.gem.gov.in**

Place : Salem **Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer,**
Date : 03.11.2025 Southern Railway, Salem - 636 005.

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Dates of online applications	From 17.10.2025 to 28.11.2025
Application Fee	For MBA(IB)- Rs.3000/- (Rs.1500/- for SC/ST/PwD/Transgender) For MBA(BA)- Rs.2000/- (Rs.1000/- for SC/ST/PwD/Transgender)

IIFT will use the CAT 2025 score for short-listing/selecting the candidates for above Programme(s). IIMs have no role either in the selection process or in the conduct of the programme.

Others details such as Eligibility, intake, selection criteria etc. are mentioned in the prospectus available on IIFT's website www.iift.ac.in. Interested candidates may apply online through the link available on IIFT website.

For any clarifications, please contact the Admissions Cell at 011-39147213 / 9773698083 or write to admission@iift.edu

Gaurav Gulati, Registrar

CBC 05103/12/0010/2526

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE
NO 23/SBC/25 of 15.10.2025
Through E-tendering

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Description of work	Approx. Value
Channarayapatna	₹4,71,78,746

section : PWAY maintenance contract for two years 2025-2027 in Senior Section Engineer/PWAY/CNPA (Channarayapatna) section, under Divisional Engineer/South/Bengaluru jurisdiction.

Last Date for Submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 10.11.2025

For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Publication of Tender Notice No:
ECN-1-2025/RT dated 31-10-2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following work.

Name of Work	Approx.Value
AMC of Air	Rs. 29,59,136.00/-

Conditioning Unit including schedule maintenance and optional spares replacement of Chief Administrative Officer/ Construction/Bengaluru office complex along with rest houses, Cantonment Cantonment Construction/Mysuru Unit and Construction/ Bengaluru Cantonment & Local outsourcing the Electrical maintenance activity of Service buildings, Quarters, ORHS, Switch room being maintained by Senior Section Engineer/ Electrical/Construction/Bengaluru Cantonment Cantonment for a period of Two years including replacement of Electrical items.

Last date for Submission of bids :
Upto 11.00 hrs on 21.11.2025

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Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer/ TRD-II/ Construction/Bengaluru Cantonment

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OPEN TENDER NOTICE
NO 25/SBC/25 of 29.10.2025
Through E-tendering

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works.

SN	Description of work	Approx. value
1	Assistant Divisional	₹3,41,40,570

Engineer/Dharmapuri sub-division : Proposed construction of Auto Goomties building at km 213/500, 201/030, 192/770, 185/645 at (LC No. 125) 180/015, 177/500 near (LC No. 116), 169/650, 161/340 (Total 8 numbers), including electrical portion. Maintenance period is 12 months

2	Bengaluru - Salem	₹2,38,93,121

section : **Sub Work-I :** Construction of Type-II quarters (4 units) at Hosur (HSRA) station, including electrical portion.
Sub Work-II : Construction of Type-III quarters (4 units) at Hosur (HSRA) station under ADEN/Dharmapuri sub-division, including electrical portion. Maintenance period is 12 months

3	Divisional Engineer/	₹1,15,58,298

South/Bengaluru section : Proposed retaining wall at Hirisave (HISE) station between km 108/800-109/100 (300m). Maintenance period is 12 months

4	**Sub Work-I :** Chikka	₹64,65,705

Banavara - Hassan section : Renewal of existing 52/60kg conventional SEJ to thick web SEJ - 40 numbers.
Sub Work-II : Chikka Banavara - Hassan section : TTR (TWS + WCMS) of existing 6 numbers of 1 in 12 and 1 number of 1 in 16 point with TWS and WCMS, total 7 sets at Hirisave (HISE) and Channarayapatna (CNPA) yards in Senior Section Engineer/ PWAY/Channarayapatna section.
Sub Work-III : Chikka Banavara - Hassan section : TTR of existing 1 in 12 curved switch (5 numbers) and 1 in 16 curved swith (2 numbers) with TWS, weldable CMS xing, total 7 sets at Nelamangala (NMGA) and Solur (SOLR) yards in Senior Section Engineer/PWAY/Kunigal section

Last Date for Submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 26.11.2025

For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

Senior Divisional Engineer/Co-ord/ Bengaluru

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Online Tender Document for M.P. Police
POLICE HEADQUARTER, M.P., BHOPAL

No. PHQ/15/GPC/R-513-1/2015 Bhopal, **Dated: 31-10-2025**

"ONLINE TENDER NOTICE"

Online tender are invited by Assistant Inspector General of Police (Provisioning) Police Head Quarter, Bhopal on behalf of DGP MP Bhopal for FSL Items on website https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app

Forensic Equipments

Sr	Name of Equipment	Quantity	EMD Paid Online Through mptenders.gov.in	Tender Fees (Rs.)
1	Laboratory Refrigerator	4	6000	1000
2	Minus 20 Refrigerator (250 Ltr)	2	9000	1000
3	Double Distillation Assembly	2	6000	1000
4	UV Face Shield and Protection goggles	4	3600	1000
5	Microwave Oven(capacity.6 CU FT)	2	1800	1000
6	Microtome(motorized wood Microtome for 0.25-0.60 µm section)	2	30000	2000
7	Electric heater	6	180	1000
8	Automatic Melting Point Apparatus	3	90000	3000
9	Simple Microscope	3	18000	2000
10	Horizontal Submarine mini electrophoresis with power supply	2	9000	1000
11	PCR Hood	1	9000	1000
12	UPS 10 KVA	2	15000	1000
13	Entry Exit Safety Security System with Computer Control	1	6000	1000
14	Microwave Oven	4	3600	1000
	TOTAL EMD & Tender FEES		207180	**18000**

1. Cost of tender document (Tender Fee) is non refundable and cannot be exempted in any condition & **must submit online through website** ttps://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app.
2. Tender document can be download from the website of MP Police (www.mppolice.gov.in)
3. Bids shall be submitted online only at MP Tenders website: https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app
4. **Critical Date Sheet:**

Published Date	31/10/2025 Time 18:00 PM
Bid Document Download Start Date	1/11/2025 Time 12:00 PM
Pre Bid Meeting Date	7/11/2025 Time 12:00 PM
Bid Submission Start Date	13 /11/2025 Time 11:00 AM
Bid Submission End Date	20/11/2025 Time 14:00 PM
Bid Opening Date	21/11/2025 Time 16:00 PM

5. Intending Bidders are advised to visit this website regularly till closing date of submission to keep themselves updated as any change/ modification in the tender will be intimated through this website only by corrigendum / addendum/ amendment.
6. Bids will be opened as per date/time as mentioned in the Tender Critical Date Sheet. After online opening of Technical-Bid the results of their qualification as well Price-Bid opening will be intimated later

Sd/- **(Sandeep Dixit)**
A.I.G. (Provisioning)
For: Director General of Police M.P.

G-21079/25

Advertisement No. NSIL/01/2025(Contract) dated 06.11.2025
NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)
CIN: U74999KA2019GOI122175
(A Government of India undertaking under Department of Space)
ISRO Headquarters Campus, New BEL Road, Bengaluru-560 094
Website:www.nsilindia.co.in

WALK-IN INTERVIEW

NewSpace India Limited(NSIL), a Government of India company under Department of Space (DOS), invites applications from dynamic and result-oriented professionals for engagement on Fixed Tenure (Contract) Basis through walk-in interview for the following posts:

S. No.	Name of the Post & Post Code	Tentative Number of Vacancies	Category of Vacancies
1.	Project Scientist PS-01	22	SC-03, ST-01, OBC-05, EWS-02, UR-11
2.	Project Engineers PE-01	15	SC-02, ST-01, OBC-03, EWS-01, UR-08
3.	Project Assistant PA-01	10	SC-01, OBC-02, EWS-01, UR-06

The above posts are purely on contractual basis and co-terminus with the completion of the project. For more details viz. remuneration, essential qualification, terms & condition, application Performa, Place of Interview etc. please visit to Careers section of our website **www.nsilindia.co.in.**

Hindi version of the Advertisement is available on our website. Tentative date of interview would be in the first week of December 2025

Last date of registration : 30-11-2025.

CBC 49120-12-0001-2526

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RECRUITMENT UNDER KARMAYOGI BHARAT

Karmayogi Bharat, a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) under DoP&T requires experienced professionals for the following posts under Mission Karmayogi

Sl. No.	Position	Number of Post	Level of Pay
1.	Chief Product Officer (iGOT)	One (1)	E8
2.	Sr. General Manager Procurement and Contracts	One (1)	E7
3.	General Manager - Cloud Operations & IT Infrastructure	One (1)	E6 level equivalent
4.	Senior Manager - Learning Innovation & Design	One (1)	E5 level equivalent
5.	Manager - Operations & Maintenance	One (1)	E4 level equivalent
6.	Manager - Information & Cyber Security	One (1)	E4 level equivalent
7.	Manager - Data Analytics & MIS	One (1)	E4 level equivalent
8.	Assistant Manager - Procurement & Contracts	One (1)	E2 level equivalent

The candidates desirous to apply are requested to refer to the detailed advertisement available on organization's website (https://karmayogibharat.gov.in/careers.php). The last date for submission of application is 6th December 2025. Please visit career section of our website for any changes / updates on the matter.

CBC 32201-11-0010-2526

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer

STATE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
4th Floor, D Block, Indravati Bhavan (HOD Building),
Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, Chhattisgarh - 492002
Phone 0771-2222402,04 Fax 0771/2222409 Email: sudacg.it@vahoo.com

RFP No./9/E-gov/SUDA/2025/5253 **NAVA RAIPUR ATAL NAGAR, DATED 06-11-2025**

Notice Inviting Tender

Online bids are invited for "RFP for Selection of Implementation Agency for design, development and Implementation of e-Governance in Urban Local Bodies in the State of Chhattisgarh"

State Urban Development Agency (SUDA) is the Mission Directorate for implementation of all Centrally and State Sponsored Schemes of Urban Development in the State. Through this notice SUDA invites online bid "Selection of Implementation Agency for design, development and Implementation of e-Governance in Urban Local Bodies in the State of Chhattisgarh"

System Tender No.	Name of work	EMD	RFP Document Fee
178847	Selection of Implementation Agency for design, development and Implementation of e-Governance in Urban Local Bodies in the State of Chhattisgarh	INR 5,00,000/-	INR 10,000/-

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh e-Procurement Portal https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in from 07/11/2025 17:30 Hours (IST) onwards.

For more details on the tender and bidding process you may please visit the above-mentioned portal

1. All eligible/interested Bidders are mandated to get enrolled on e-Procurement portal.
2. Bidders can contact Help Desk for any clarification of their doubts regarding the process of Electronic Procurement System. Help Desk at Toll Free No. 1800 419 9140 or through Email ID helpdesk.eproc@cgswan.gov.in
3. The RFP can be postponed or cancelled at any time due to administrative reasons, and no claim shall be entertained on this account.
4. Modifications/Amendments/Corrigendum, if any shall not be advertised in the newspaper but shall be published in the https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in only. The undersigned reserves the right to change the terms and conditions, select/reject any application without assigning any reason thereof.
5. The eligible bidder may submit their bid online only and only physical submission of Original EMD, RFP document fees, Affidavits, Technical Cover Letter, Power of Attorney, signed RFP document and Financial Covering Letter (Form-24, Fin Form 1) in original as detailed in RFP document.

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Where do B'luru's seized drugs go?

An Instagram reel about the Central Crime Branch's most recent drug bust has gone viral

SHRADDHA A K
TEAM METROLIFE

Earlier this month, CCB seized hydroganja worth Rs 3 crore from a post office in K G Nagar. PHOTO CREDIT: BENGALURU CITY POLICE

Seized drugs are collected in one place and destroyed, or given away for research, police say.

After the Bengaluru City Police posted a reel about a series of drug busts by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) on Instagram, netizens were curious about where the seized drugs end up. The reel, posted on October 23, captured how the CCB seized ganja-laced biscuits and chocolates at the K G Nagar post office. It also covered some of the CCB's other drug busts.

"When we come across any drugs — both natural and synthetic — we seize them and keep them with us," explained a high-ranking police officer.

"We retain possession of the drugs until the perpetrator is tried, and then we follow the court's order," he added.

Once a court order is issued, two actions may be taken: they are either destroyed or donated to pharmaceutical, medical, or chemical companies for research or treatment.

Destruction is the preferred choice, the officer shares. Before they are destroyed, the entire storage process is thoroughly documented, and strict internal standard operating procedures (SOPs) are followed. The seized contraband is collected and organised by zones, and stored in the districts where it is found.

However, if there is a need for the drugs to be used in research, treatment, or even for training dog squads, extensive permissions and monitoring are required for the transfer.

Destruction occurs twice a year — in March and June. "We cannot destroy the drugs immediately after seizing them; we must wait until all trials are concluded before destruction," the official stated.

Method of destruction

In Bengaluru, the drugs are destroyed through incineration. "We completely burn all the seized substances, and to prevent any contamination from drug-infused smoke, ash, and residue entering the environment, we use an electrical incinerator similar to those used for medical waste."

Destruction of seized goods by Bengaluru City Police

YEAR	DATE	QUANTITY OF DRUGS DESTROYED	APPROX VALUE
2023	March 24	4.3 tonnes, 8,207 tablets & 584 LSD strips	90 cr.
2023	June 26	2.2 tonnes, 427 tablets & 93 LSD strips	21 cr.
2024	Feb 9	2.1 tonnes, 45 tablets & 258 LSD strips	25 cr.
2024	June 26	1.2 tonnes, 1,801 tablets & 355 Eskuf syrup bottles	39 cr.
2025	Jan 20	0.75 tonnes, 1,189 tablets & 260 Eskuf syrup bottles	38 cr.
2025	June 26	0.56 tonnes	9 cr.
2025	Sept 17	0.46 tonnes, 257 tablets & 132 LSD strips	21 cr.

He added that a proper disposal mechanism is in place, where even the ashes are filtered, and thorough cleaning is carried out to ensure no residue remains.

The Bengaluru City Police have two drug destruction sites on the outskirts of the city — Devanahalli and Kumbalgodu.

Responding to comments

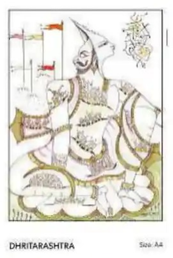
The post has 340k views, 13.2k likes, 20.5k shares and 108 comments. The officer rubbished comments suggesting the cops circulate the seized drugs, but acknowledged that there is often a difference in weight between the seized contraband and what is destroyed. "This is not due to pilfering, but loss of moisture in natural substances like cannabis and opium (the latex from the poppy plant), which tend to dry out," he explained.

Furthermore, the drugs are kept in a location that is under full-time surveillance. The drugs are stored in evidence bags that cannot be tampered with, and an officer calculates and records the weight of each bag daily.

"We destroy even the natural drugs because they do not rot. Cannabis, for instance, dries out and forms a resin, so we destroy that as well," he concluded.

EVENTS

Jam session
Sing and Jam with Strangers, a community choir session led by The Dani Verse will sing ABBA's 'Chiquitita' at Atta Galatta, Indiranagar, on November 8, 3 pm. Open to ages 16-plus. Tickets online. Call 96325 10126.



Dhritarashtra, one of the works on display.

Art show
As Below So Above, an art exhibition featuring works by Raghupati Bhat, K J Pavan, R Bhanuprakash, and N Ranganatha, will be held from November 8 to December 21, at Kaash Gallery, Berlie Street. The show is curated by Amshula Prakash.

EP launch
The launch of band Perfect Strangers' EP 'Honey Words' will be held on November 8, 8.30 pm, at Fandom, Gilly's Redefined, Koramangala. Tickets online.

Docu series throws spotlight on why Bengaluru is so dusty

The first video highlights how construction and demolition waste shapes the city's air quality

RASHMI RAJAGOPAL
TEAM METROLIFE

Construction and demolition waste is one of the biggest contributors to the city's dust problem, the video states. DH FILE PHOTO

A new docu-series hopes to throw light on Bengaluru's worsening dust problem. According to studies and analyses, dust contributes to 20% of the city's air pollution.

The three-part series is a collaboration between Unboxing Blr and Bengawalk, a creative agency that focuses on urbanisation and climate change.

The first part of the series went live on October 31 on YouTube and has already garnered over 50,000 views. It follows Bengawalk founder Pravar Chaudhary who tails trucks ferrying construction and demolition (C&D) waste across the city on a two-wheeler.

The video, titled 'Why is Bengaluru so dusty', begins by highlighting how the city's streets are lined with rubble. "All the surfaces look brown," Chaudhary states. He goes on to point out that "the business of buying and selling debris" is one of the biggest contributors to the city's dust problem.

Over 15 minutes, Chaudhary explains the process of how the debris is generated and disposed of. The waste is generally collected from construction sites by trucks hired by the building contractors. These trucks belong to companies that specialise in disposal of debris.

The waste "meets one of four ends". It is sometimes just thrown anywhere — on footpaths, by lakesides and under flyovers. The other three options include seven designated C&D waste sites across the city, stretches of low-lying land and an official recycling plant (less than 1% of the waste ends up here). The video details the ethical and environmental implications of each of these disposal options.

"We spoke to over 20 people to understand the nuances and get a complete picture of the issue. What emerged was striking: while there is a legal process for disposing of C&D waste, it's also the most expensive option — nearly twice the cost of dumping it illegally. As a result, many in the construction industry are facing difficulties," says Malini Goyal, co-founder and CEO of Unboxing Blr.

The video goes on to explain how waste is affecting the city's air quality, its impact on health and what the government can do, and offers suggestions on the best way to get rid of C&D waste.

Air quality expert, R Subramanian explains the contribution of dust to particulate matter (PM). "Its contribution to PM 10 (particles with a diameter of 10 microns or less) is much more significant than to PM 2.5 (2.5 microns or less)," he says, adding that the latter has a more significant impact on health as it is deposited into the lungs.

However, Dr Ravindra Mehta, pulmonologist, points out that chronic dust exposure causes allergic rhinitis or hay fever, allergic bronchitis and asthma.

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TINI SARA ANIEN
TEAM METROLIFE

A screengrab from the unboxing video recorded by the victim. CREDIT: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

In a recent scam, a Bengaluru software engineer received a tile instead of the Rs 1.86 lakh foldable phone he had ordered on an e-commerce platform.

Premanand, who bought the phone on October 14, filed a complaint with the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal before approaching the Kumaraswamy Layout police station on October 19 to register an FIR. The station inspector told *Metrolife* on Wednesday that an investigation is underway. "We have approached Amazon (the e-commerce platform in question) to identify the middlemen involved in the transaction," he said.

He noted that the "modus operandi in online scams keeps evolving" and that police regularly conduct awareness drives whenever new scams surface.

Experts share tips on how one can protect oneself from such frauds.

Red flags

Tanveer Hasan, executive director at the Centre for Internet and Society, said such incidents are not new and often spike during online sale seasons. "There's a direct correlation between the number of scams and high-volume discount periods. The abundance of deals and fear of missing out on them often cloud consumer judgment," he explained. The first rule is to avoid "offers that are too good to be true," says Hasan.

K Jaishankar, principal director and professor of criminology and justice sciences at the International Institute of Justice and Police Sciences, urges buyers to check seller credentials. "Click on the seller's name to see their history and ratings — a new seller with perfect ratings is suspicious," he notes.

For expensive purchases, buy directly from brand websites, keep screenshots of order details, and record an unboxing video in one continuous shot for proof. Always ensure the website is genuine by checking for 'https' and the padlock icon. New seller profiles, random alphanumeric names, and stock images instead of real product photos are other warning signs, he adds. "Scammers often sell small genuine items to inflate ratings. This tactic is called 'rating stuffing'. Later, they switch to high-value listings and disappear after dispatching incorrect products," Jaishankar explains.

Legal side

Advocate Vidhi Lakhani advises consumers who receive incorrect or fake products to first issue a legal notice to both the e-commerce platform and the retailer. If this fails, approach the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission for claims below Rs 50 lakh under Section 35 of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. They should carry documents such as the invoice, proof of delivery, photographs of the wrong item, and records of communication with the seller or platform. Under Section 85 of the Act, e-commerce platforms and retailers can be held liable for "deficiency in service".

Vidhi added that the Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020, were introduced for greater transparency and accountability among online marketplaces.

Samajamukhi lit fest this weekend

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The first edition of Samajamukhi Sahitya Sammelana will be held this weekend.

Organised by Samajamukhi Prakashana, it will be inaugurated by prominent literary figures Hampa Nagarajaiah, Baraguru Ramachandrappa and H S Shivaprakash.

Many big names in literature, cinema and the arts are participating in the two-day event.

The festival discusses topics such as literary activism, theatre and society, poetry and resistance, climate crisis and literature's role, Kannada literary magazines, and contemporary cinema.

Among the panellists are such well-known names as Girish Kasaravalli, Ere Gowda, Vidyashankar, Purushottama Bilimale, Peggy Mohan, and Vasanth Shetty.

A panel on language and decolonisation features Bishnu Mohapatra, Peggy Mohan and Rajendra Chenni. Kesari Haravoo, director of 'Kisan Satyagraha: Tremors of Change?' and Mahishaa, director of 'Babasaheb in Bengaluru', will talk about dissent in a session moderated by writer Amandeep Sandhu.

A session on poetry features H S Shivaprakash, Meena Kandasamy, Sumana Roy and Smitha Sehgal, moderated by Samvartha Sahil.

The event also discusses the novels of Niranjana in his birth centenary year.

Samajamukhi Sahitya Sammelana on November 8 and 9 at Bharat Scouts and Guides Karnataka State Headquarters, Palace Road. Details on samajamukhi.com

Jazz fest kicks off on November 8

TEAM METROLIFE

Radha Thomas

The Bengaluru Jazz Fest 2025 will be held across multiple venues in the city starting this weekend. Presented in association with Bosch India, this edition's theme is 'Indo-German Jazz'.

This year's highlight is the Bosch Big Band Jazz Orchestra from Stuttgart, which will make its India debut on November 22 at St Joseph's University auditorium, Shanthinagar. The group has been led by renowned saxophonist Prof Matthias Anton since 2020.

It will feature performances by Radha Thomas and the Aman Mahajan Quartet, Gerard Machado Network, MoonArra, Sukanya Ramagopal's Stree Taal Tarang, 22nd Avenue Quartet, Can't Quit the Blues, Joey Sharma Trio, Magnus Dauner, and Karthik Mani.

It will be held at Goethe-Institut, Indiranagar; Alliance Française de Bangalore, Vasanth Nagar; Science Gallery, Ballari Road; Jagriti Theatre, Whitefield; Sabha BLR, Kamaraj Road; Bangalore School of Music, R T Nagar; and St Joseph's University auditorium, Shanthinagar.

Bengaluru Jazz Fest on November 8, 12, 14, 15, 16, 21, and 22, across multiple venues. Entry free. For details and to RSVP, visit bengalurujazzfest.com.

POPCORN

See ma list

Not sure how a Brazilian model made it to a voter list in Haryana, but then, it is not for nothing that India is called Incredible India. It appears Larissa's face is matched with many names. She is Sweety, Seema and Saraswati. Out there, she is upset and calls it madness. If she were Indian, she would probably have used the trolling and the publicity to launch a film and star in it. Seema, Sweety and Saraswati has the same ring as Amar Akbar Anthony, no?

Why B'lureans were rooting for Zohran Mamdani

They say his rise signals what people-centric city politics could look like. Bengaluru hasn't held mayoral elections since 2015

BARKHA KUMARI
TEAM METROLIFE

Zohran Mamdani's triumph in New York's mayoral election on November 4 resonated far beyond the city. About 13,000 km away, in Bengaluru, some posted his victory speech online and congratulated like-minded friends. They say his win gives them "hope" for a new, progressive political order.

The self-proclaimed "democratic socialist" and one-time rapper ran on making one of America's costliest cities more affordable. He has promised universal childcare, free public buses, a rent freeze, low-cost grocery stores, and higher taxes on the rich and corporations. At 34, he is New York's first Indian-origin Muslim mayor and the youngest in over a century. His critics, however, call him inexperienced and hypocritical for espousing socialist ideals while coming from privilege. His parents are award-winning filmmaker Mira Nair and renowned scholar Mahmood Mamdani.

French tutor Soumya M P finds his criticism premature. "I like his policy about taxing the rich, and the fact that he stands up to powerful bullies. We should give him a chance because even some experienced people in power have goofed up really bad," she says. Like most Bengalureans, she discovered Mamdani through his viral social media campaign. Her 14-year-old son showed her Mamdani's rap video 'Nani', which had resurfaced ahead of the elections.

To 22-year-old Syed Zulfa, his victory is a rebuttal of the "boomer generation" that dismisses the young. At the same time, they don't speak up for geopolitical issues in Gaza or Sudan, says the software engineer.

Public policy professional Rakshith Ponnathpur says the election showed how seriously the mayoral post is taken elsewhere. "In Indian cities, we don't even know who our mayor is. That's because mayors are powerless functionaries here. Bengaluru hasn't had a mayoral election since 2015," he explains. He says India can also learn from Mamdani's focus on migrant welfare.

Zohran Mamdani with his filmmaker-mother Mira Nair after winning the 2025 New York City mayoral race. PIC: REUTERS

Technical manager Nithesh Kuntady observes that "while many in today's so-called liberal parties have grown muted in their critique of right-wing politics", Mamdani's barbs were both sharp and articulate. "Even when he was falsely labelled 'anti-Jewish' or attacked for proposing to reduce police presence, Mamdani met it head-on, responding with composure and his point of view," he says.

Communications professional Alex Mathew appreciated his inclusive campaign. "He went to drag shows, met taxi drivers, visited bodegas (convenience stores), and spoke to locals in languages ranging from Urdu to Gujarati and Bangla," he says. And unlike most politicians who engage in mudslinging, "he was dignified and stuck to facts".

Ilkal sari for historic moment

Mira Nair took the stage for her son's victory speech in a cobalt blue Ilkal sari with a lime green blouse, both woven in north Karnataka. The sari was designed by Bengaluru-based Geeta Patil and handwoven by her team in the Guledagudda cluster in Bagalkot. Mira picked it for its "striking colour and exquisite design" during a visit to the cluster a few months ago. The blouse was custom-made on short notice during her trip to India last month and features motifs like lattiguni (rolling pin) and tiruki (lines) in modern forms, says Geeta, founder, Kubsa Handcrafted.

9-day European film fest opens today

TEAM METROLIFE

Bengaluru will play host to the 30th edition of the European Union Film Festival (EUFF) from November 7 to 15. The festival, organised by the Delegation of the European Union to India in collaboration with the embassies of EU member states, will take place across three venues.

This year's edition celebrates "hope, courage and creativity" through 24 acclaimed films in 25 languages. The festival opens with 'Happy', an Austrian film by Sandeep Kumar, alongside others such as 'Matters of the Heart' (Denmark), 'Julie Keeps Quiet' (Belgium), 'The Trap' (Bulgaria), 'Pelican' (Croatia), 'The Missile' (Finland), 'Holy Cow' (France) and 'Behind the Haystacks' (Greece).

Festival curator Artur Zaborski said nearly half the films screened this year are directed by women, a development that "will strongly resonate in India".

EUFF, November 7-15, at Goethe-Institut/Max Mueller Bhavan, Alliance Française de Bangalore and Suchitra Film Society. Entry free. For details, visit euffindia.com.

GO on use of public properties: HC refuses to vacate stay

Junks govt's writ appeal; tells to approach single judge

BENGALURU, DHNS

A division bench of the Karnataka High Court at Dharwad on Thursday refused to quash the stay on operation of the controversial government order, which identifies as unlawful assembly congregation of more than 10 persons at any place maintained by the government. The division benc comprising Justices S G Pandit and Geetha K B dismissed the writ appeal filed against the October 28 interim order passed by a single judge.

The government order dated October 18, 2025, was issued close on the heels of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) proposing to take out route marches across the state to commemorate its centenary celebrations. The order issued by the Home Department, mandates prior permission for any gathering of more than 10 persons on properties maintained by the state government, including schools, colleges, playgrounds, parks, roads and water bodies.

In its appeal, the government submitted that its order was issued with a positive intent to protect the government property and does not affect rights of the citizens. He further said that the government order does not prohibit gathering but only stipulates prior permission.

Dismissing the appeal, the division bench said that it is open to the state government to approach the same single judge with a request to vacate the stay order. "It is open for the appellants to file an application for vacating the interim order and if such an application is filed, we are sure that the single judge will consider the said application. All contentions are left open," the division bench said.

At this stage, Advocate General Shashikiran Shetty urged the division bench to restrict the interim order insofar as the petitioners before the single bench, Punashchethana Seva Samaste and others, and the request too was turned down. The division bench told the state government to make such a request before the single bench.

The government order is challenged by two organisations from Hubballi; Punashcetana Seva Samsthe and We Care Foundation and two individuals; Rajeev Malhar Patil Kulkarni from Dharwad and Uma Satyajit Chavan from Belagavi.

On October 28, a single bench had stayed the operation of the order observing that the government order, prima facie, takes away the constitutional rights conferred upon citizens under Chapter III of the constitution.

The single bench had noted that already the provisions under the Karnataka Police Act regulate the conduct and behaviour and action of persons constituting assemblies and processions. The government order, prima facie, takes away the rights conferred upon citizens under Article 19(1)(a) and (b) of the Constitution, the single bench had said, while posting the matter to November 17 for further consideration.

'100 legislators yet to declare assets'

BENGALURU, DHNS: Six ministers, 66 Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs), and 28 Members of Legislative Council (MLCs) - a total of 100 - have failed to file the mandatory statement of their assets and liabilities, and those of their family members, for the financial year 2024-25, the Karnataka Lokayukta said in a release.

The Lokayukta, acting under the mandate of Section 22(1) and (2) of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984, released the list of defaulters after the statutory deadline of June 30 passed without compliance. The rule requires all members of the legislature, defined as public servants under the Act, to submit their asset declarations annually to ensure transparency in public life.

Ministers

K H Muniyappa, Minister of Food and Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs; Dinesh Gundu Rao: Minister of Health and Family Welfare; Zameer Ahmed Khan, Minister for Housing, Works and Minorities; Rahim Khan, Minister of Hajj, Municipal Administration and K Venkatesh, Minister of Animal Husbandry and Sericulture

Some MLAs

K N Rajanna, Laxman Savadi, Kaneez Fatima, Vinay Kulkarni, B K Sangameshwar, Nayana Motamma, C P Yogeshwar, and C Puttarangashetty (all Congress); B Suresh Gowda and K Gopalaiah (both BJP), H D Revanna. (JDS) and G Janardhana Reddy.

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

APPOINTMENT OF FACULTY - PROFESSORS AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS

Applications are invited from eligible Indian citizens for filling up posts of **Teaching Faculty positions at Shillong Medical College, Shillong**, under the Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Meghalaya.

Vacancies exist for the following posts across various disciplines as per National Medical Commission Teachers' Eligibility Qualifications (TEQ) Regulations, 2025:

Department	Professors	Associate Professors
1. Anatomy	Nil	1
2. Physiology	1	1
3. Pharmacology	1	Nil
4. Pathology	1	Nil
5. Microbiology	Nil	1
6. Forensic Medicine	1	Nil
7. General Surgery	1	Nil
8. Obstetrics & Gynaecology	1	Nil

Terms and Conditions

1. **Nature of Appointment:** The appointments shall be made on a **contractual basis**, initially for a period of **one year**, extendable based on performance and requirement of the College.
2. **Remuneration:**
   - **Professor:** ₹3,20,000/- per month (fixed)
   - **Associate Professor:** ₹2,60,000/- per month (fixed)
   No additional allowances or benefits shall be admissible.
3. **Eligibility:** Candidates must possess the requisite qualifications and teaching experience as prescribed by the National Medical Commission (NMC), TEQ 2025 or as amended from time to time. A proven record of academic excellence, clinical competence and research experience will be essential.
4. **Mode of Application:** Eligible and interested candidates may submit their applications **by e-mail** to: **shgmedicalcollege@gmail.com**
5. **Last Date for Submission:** The online application window shall remain open **till 20th November 2025, up to 5:00 PM**.
6. **Further Details:** Detailed information regarding eligibility criteria, terms of engagement and selection procedures is available on the official website of the Health & Family Welfare Department: **https://meghealth.gov.in**

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Dated: 04-11-2025

Sd/- **Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya**
Health & Family Welfare Department

(From left): BWSSB Chairman V Ram Prasath Manohar, Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh and NITI Aayog Member Vinod K Paul, at a two-day workshop on 'Reuse of Treated Water in India,' in Bengaluru on Thursday. DH PHOTO

National workshop focuses on reuse of treated water

'Only 11 states have wastewater reuse policy'

BENGALURU, DHNS

The critical issue of water security took center stage as the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), in collaboration with NITI Aayog, kicked off a two-day national workshop on the "Reuse of Treated Wastewater in India" here on Thursday.

The event, inaugurated by Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, had a contingent of policymakers, researchers, engineers, and water management professionals from over 18 states to deliberate on sustainable wastewater management.

Delivering the keynote address, NITI Aayog Member Vinod K Paul, gave a stark national perspective. According to the Central Water Commission, India's per capita water availability has dropped to 1,367 cubic metres, breaching the "water stress" benchmark of 1,700 cubic metres and inching closer to the "water scarce" level of 1,000 cubic metres.

Paul said only 11 states have a wastewater reuse policy, and urged the remaining to "develop a reuse policy for your state and UTs" in four to six weeks.

In her inaugural address, Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, recounted the serious drought faced by the city last year. A quick-thinking move, led by BWSSB Chairman Ram Prasath Manohar and Additional Chief Secretary Tushar Giri Nath, involved a water audit that revealed a surplus of treated wastewater but a deficiency in potable water.

"Ram Prasath and his team came out with this idea: Why don't we start selling this treated water and make it compulsory for non-drinking water purposes?" Shalini said. This resulted in a strict order mandating use of treated water for construction and industrial activities".

This led to the utilisation of an astonishing 800 TMC of treated water, suddenly transforming the city from "deficiency to water surplus."

Additional Chief Secretary Tushar Giri Nath said, "We don't call it wastewater, because we have the concept of one water." He noted that while Bengaluru is a national leader in wastewater treatment, "still there is a gap of 500 MLD that we should meet."

Representing the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, D Thara, stressed the economic importance of treating wastewater as a recoverable asset. She said Bengaluru's water revenue, currently around Rs 190 crore, could rise to Rs 1,000 crore with structured reuse, metering, and resource recovery systems.

Human-AI partnership reshapes workforce of future

ITIs can create jobs, change livelihoods: Subroto Bagchi

IT giant Mindtree co-founder Subroto Bagchi, who was also the former chairman of Odisha Skill Development Authority, said the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) have the potential to create job opportunities and thereby change the livelihood of people.

Speaking at the Bengaluru Skill Summit, Bagchi recalled how the idea of 'Skilled in Odisha' was born in June 2016. "The mission was to shift from skill development to the idea of human transformation, build an aspirational brand Skilled in Odisha," he said. According to him, the vision they set was that in three years, corporate India should make a beeline in Odisha, not just to hire but to "lock-in" talent. "In five years, we want a global preference for Odisha's young men and women across sectors. Nations of the world will come to Odisha to hire, and the Odisha Model must be worth emulating in other parts of the world," he said.

BENGALURU, DHNS

The partnership between humans and Artificial Intelligence (AI) is reshaping the workforce of the future, experts observed at a session held at the Bengaluru Skill Summit here on Thursday.

Speaking at the session, Alokesh Das, director, Mu Sigma, said the AI productivity angle is happening at three levels.

"It starts with amplifying personal productivity that's happening for all of us in some form, whether using ChatGPT or OpenAI. Then, there comes organisational productivity. That's where we are suffering. It has not gone to the level we wanted to. And the third one is bringing in automation and workflow through AI," Das said. "Today, AI is very smart in terms of providing answers very quickly. There are things they are deficient in, but I'm better at something else, and we will be collaborating," he explained.

Sandeep Magavi, Learning and Knowledge Management leader, IBM, said AI should be looked at more holistically.

The experts also highlighted new models of collaboration, emerging skill requirements, and the role of innovation in building resilient, adaptive, and inclusive talent ecosystems for a rapidly changing global economy.

Kannada actor Harish Rai dies after a long battle with cancer

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BENGALURU, DHNS

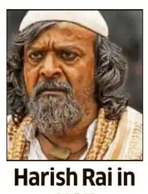
Kannada actor Harish Rai died after a long battle with cancer, on Thursday. He was 55. The actor was known for his role of Khasim, Rocky bhai's chacha, in the 'KGF' franchise and his role of a don named Rai in Shivarajkumar-starrer 'Om' (1995).

Rai was reportedly suffering from thyroid cancer that had spread to his stomach. He was at the Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology in Bengaluru when he died.

The actor's battle with cancer began when he was shooting for 'KGF'. In an interview with a YouTuber in 2022, he revealed that he grew a long beard for 'KGF' to mask his swollen thyroid gland.

Rai had openly spoken about expensive medical bills — with a single injection costing Rs 3.55 lakh, and he was prescribed three over a cycle of 63 days.

He further explained how patients typically needed 17 to 20 injections pushing the overall expense of the treatment to about Rs 70 lakh. In an interview with a social media influencer, he had said he will come back to act in movies if he survived the disease.



Harish Rai in KGF

The actor had also sought financial aid from the industry. It was only actor Dhruva Sarja who responded to his pleas and came forward to support him financially, Rai said in a video posted last month.

Rai hailed from Ambalapadi in Udupi district. His family was in the gold business.

When he was in his first year of pre-university education, an incident of corporal punishment at home forced him to flee to Mumbai, according to senior film journalist Sharanu Hullur.

He played small roles in Kannada films until his big debut as Don Rai in Upendra's 'Om', which emerged as a cult classic.

He acted alongside Darshan, Sudeep, Shivarajkumar and Yash. He played prominent roles in such films as 'Jodi Hakki' (1997), 'Majestic' (2002), 'Nalla' (2004), 'Sanju weds Geetha' (2011), 'Dandupalya' (2012), and 'Bangalore Underworld' (2017).

Rai is survived by his wife and two children. The final rites will be held on Friday.

Pioneers of guava, jackfruit varieties among winners of horti awards

ASRA MAVAD
BENGALURU, DHNS

Amai Mahalinga Naik

Amit Kumar Goswami

The Indian Academy of Horticultural Sciences (IAHS) announced 12 awards and 10 fellowships to individuals carrying out exceptional work at the inauguration of the 11th edition of the Indian Horticulture Congress.

Dakshina Kannada's Amai Mahalinga Naik was conferred the IAHS honorary fellowship-2025 for his outstanding contribution in promoting natural resource conservation and horticulture-based sustainable systems.

Popularly known as 'Tunnel Man of Karnataka,' Naik has single-handedly developed an organic agricultural farm with a zero-energy micro-irrigation system. He has constructed about 300 percolation trenches in the hills surrounding his farm, two revetments and a water tank with a capacity of 12,000 litres. His intervention transformed a deserted, barren plot of land into a lush green oasis comprising 300 arecanut palms, 75 coconut palms, 150 cashew trees and 200 banana trees.

Delhi-based Amit Kumar Goswami was awarded the 'IAHS-DP Ghosh Young Scientist Award-2025', for his contributions in Fruit Science. Serving as a senior scientist at ICAR-IARI in New Delhi, he is the lead breeder of guava hybrids — Pusa Pratiksha, Pusa Aarushi, Pusa Atulya and Pusa Jeevika, as well as co-developer of papaya varieties — Pusa Peet and Pusa Madhu.

"With rapid climate change, the new varieties are important because the older varieties have become susceptible to deceases, and their yield is declining for various reasons. So coming up with new breeds is important for the future of farming in India," he told *DH*.

The other awards presented include 'Dr K L Chadha Memorial Award for Excellence in Horticultural Research and Development' to Narayan Chawda, 'Shivashakti Life Time Achievement Award' to V A Parthasarathy, W S Dhillon, and 'Dr Kirti Singh Medal in Vegetable Science' to Vinay Bhardwaj, among others.

G Karunakaran was conferred with IAHS fellowship in fruit science. Some of the others who received the fellowship were Srikanth Bollapally for his contribution in promoting commercial hi-value floriculture and its value chain, and Balakrishnan Prithviraj, for promoting climate-smart horticultural practices.

The 11th edition of the Indian Horticulture Congress and International Meet began at the University of Agricultural Sciences at GKVK on Thursday.

PM to flag off Ernakulam-Bengaluru Vande Bharat tomorrow

BENGALURU, DHNS: PM Narendra Modi will flag off the inaugural special Vande Bharat Express connecting Bengaluru and Kochi via video conference on November 8.

The inaugural special train number 06652 will leave Ernakulam Junction at 8 am and arrive at KSR Bengaluru at 5.50 pm. It will have eight coaches. However, the regular service (26651/26652) will start on November 11, according to the railways.

According to a senior official in the know, certain operational constraints in Bengaluru are being assessed before the regular service begins.

CONSTRUCTION OF CRICKET PAVILION AT MALIGAON

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 46 of 2025; Date: 01-11-2025. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Tender No.:** DCESTMLG-43-2025. **Name of work & Location:** At Maligaon- Construction of Cricket Pavilion with provision of VIP Gallery & Dressing rooms for players at NFRSA (Composite Tender) (Re-Tender). Tender Value: ₹6,02,60,090.54; Earnest Money: ₹4,51,300.00. **E-tenders will be closed at** 13:00 hrs. on 24-11-2025 and **will be opened** at 13:00 hrs. on 24-11-2025. For details please visit www.ireps.gov.in.

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S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Tender Notice No. SRC-BToiletR-DT-07.11.25. Open Tender is invited by Sr. CDO, Santragachi, S.E.Railway, Kharagpur Division for and on behalf of the President of India through e-tendering in **www.ireps.gov.in** website as per details mentioned below. Eligible tenderers are requested to apply for the same through online only in **www.ireps.gov.in** website as per details mentioned below. No offline tender will be accepted. Please read the tender document uploaded in the document section for details. **Name of the work :** Annual Maintenance and Operation Contract (AMOC) of Bio Toilets (DRDE Type) in Coaches of Coaching Depot, Santragachi & Padmapukur for a period of three years. **Tender value:** ₹ 22,58,20,882.35. **EMD:** ₹ 12,79,100/-. **Cost of tender document:** ₹ 10,000/- (non-refundable). **Closing date of tender:** 01.12.2025 at 12.00 hrs. **(PR-810)**

Metro Railway, Kolkata

e-Tender is invited by Principal Chief Engineer, Metro Railway for the following work: **Name of work:** "Redevelopment of Kalighat Metro Station of Metro Railway, Kolkata". **Approx Cost of Work:** ₹ 63,81,713.13; **Earnest Money:** ₹ 1,27,600.00; **Completion Period:** 06 (Six) Months, **Date and Time of Closing:** 28.11.2025 at 12:00 hrs. The Tender Document and other details can be obtained from the website **www.ireps.gov.in** Amendments/Corrigendum, if any, would be uploaded only on the website.

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EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender No. BMF_03_30_Machining-100-1 Date: 03.11.2025. Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/Bogie Manufacturing Factory/BGB, Eastern Railway, 88/1, Addhar Das Road, Budge Budge, Kolkata - 700137 invites E-tender against **Tender No. BMF_03_30_Machining-100-1. Name of Work:** LHB Bogie Frame Machining using 5-Axis Machine at firm's end as per scope of work; **Bidding type** : Normal Tender; **Tender type :** Open; **Advertised Value:** ₹ 45,96,100.00; **Bidding Style** : Single Rate for Each Schedule Item; **Earnest Money:** ₹ 91,900/-; **Tender Document Cost :** Nil; **Bidding Start Date :** 11.11.2025; **Bidding System** : Single Packet System; **Date and Time of Uploading Tender :** 03.11.2025 at 18:12 hrs.; **Validity of Offer (Days) :** 120; **Period of Completion :** 03 Months; **Tender Closing Date and Time :** 25.11.2025 at 12.00 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
NOTIFICATION
Benglaluru, 26th October 2025

S. O. 4914(E)-. In the exercise of the powers conferred by clause (6) of section 20F and clause 7A of section 2 of the Railway Act, 1989 (24 of 1989) the Ministry of Railway (South Western Railway, Construction Organization, Bengaluru Cantonment) hereby authorizes the officer mentioned at column (4) in the table below as 'Competent Authority' and the officer mentioned at column (5) in the table below as 'Arbitrator' to perform the functions as such authority under the said act with effect from date of publication of this notification in the official gazette in respect of Special Railway Projects mentioned at column (2) relating to districts mentioned at column (3) in the table below for Land Acquisition required for the public purpose.

TABLE

SN	Name of the Project	District	Competent Authority	Arbitrator
1	Upgradation/Development of Vande Bharath Maintenance Depot at Thanisandra	Bengaluru East	Special Land Acquisition Officer, Bengaluru	Regional Commissioner, Bengaluru

No.W.271/CN/BNC/2025-26/Land SRP/1727

For details log on : https://egazette.gov.in

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SCHEDULE

(Description of the Schedule Properties)

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			South by	Yamare Village Boundary.
Yamare Village				
3.	130/1	22 Guntas	East by	Land bearing Survey No. 130/2;
			West by	Road and T.C. Halli Village Boundary;
			North by	Land bearing Survey No. 130/2; and
			South by	Land bearing Survey No. 127.
4.	130/2	1 Acre 1.12 Guntas	East by	Remaining portion of Survey No. 130/2;
			West by	Road and T.C. Halli Village Boundary;
			North by	T.C. Halli Village Boundary; and
			South by	Land bearing Survey No. 130/1 and remaining portion of Survey No. 130/2.
5.	130/2	20.04 Guntas	East by	Land bearing Survey No. 130/3;
			West by	Remaining portion of Survey No. 130/2;
			North by	Land bearing Survey No. 91; and
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Urban land monetisation among steps to shore up revenues: Panel

It recommends auction-based digital licensing for excise

BENGALURU, DHNS

Monetising urban land assets, broadening of the tax base and auction-based digital excise licensing are some of the recommendations that the Resource Mobilisation Committee (RMC) has made in its report submitted to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday.

The committee, headed by retired IAS officer K P Krishnan, to look at how the state can mobilise additional resources to meet growing expenditure needs, was formed in August 2024.

'Scientific asset valuation'

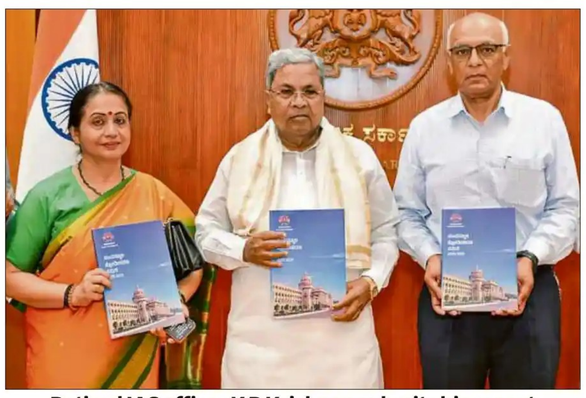
According to a statement from the chief minister's office, the RMC has recommended unlocking revenue potential through "scientific asset valuation, expanding leasing under public-private partnerships and monetising urban land assets".

At present, the government faces the challenge of asset data management and systematic surveying of state-owned properties, the RMC said in its report.

There is "low non-tax revenue, especially from user charges and government assets, with substantial opportunities in leasing and monetization untapped," the report said. The RMC pointed out "over-reliance on a few major sources of revenue".

Currently, the state's own tax revenues remain "the backbone forming about 60-70% of total revenue receipts", the CMO said, adding that "significant contributions" come from commercial taxes, excise duties and motor vehicle taxes.

The report recommends introduction of auction-based digital licensing for excise, focussing on transparency and efficiency.



Retired IAS officer K P Krishnan submits his report on resource mobilisation to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru on Thursday. Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh is also seen.

Karnataka continues to show robust economic growth outperforming many states in India: CMO

Krishnan has recommended rationalising and increasing user charges in utilities "transitioning to volumetric billing with robust regulatory support and automatic indexation of user charges to inflation".

Right now, the government faces "challenges in local finance due to outdated guidance values and inadequate property tax revisions".

The report asked the government to create an economic policy wing within the finance department to monitor non-tax revenues and asset monetisation.

This is apart from strengthening institutional capacity by building capabilities and periodic property surveys.

"Karnataka continues to show robust economic growth outperforming many states in India," the CMO said.

"The report underscores safeguarding growth-enhancing expenditures on infrastructure, education and health while improving expenditure efficiency. It calls for systematic reforms in revenue mobilization to sustain Karnataka's fiscal robustness and inclusive growth trajectory," the CMO added.

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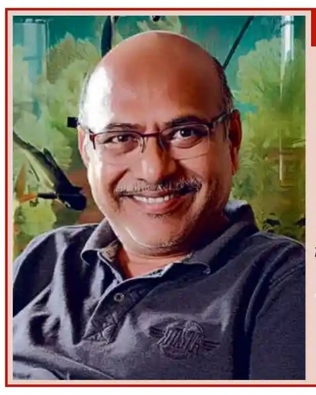

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Revolution will happen in 2028 with Cong retaining power: Shivakumar

DCM says he's a disciplined soldier, will never cross party line

AJITH ATHRADY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Dismissing speculation about a 'November revolution,' Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Thursday said there would be a revolution only in 2028, 'with the Congress returning to power in the state'.

Insisting that he was a "disciplined soldier" of the party, Shivakumar, also the state Congress president, said he and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah would abide by the party's decision.

DCM D K Shivakumar

Shivakumar, who is in the national capital to meet legal experts in connection with inter-state water disputes, told reporters, "I'm not meeting anyone (from the high command). There have been no discussions with me regarding Cabinet reshuffle. It is the prerogative of the CM. Let him do it. I have no programme to meet any leaders. I will meet them on matters concerning party organisation and 'vote chori' campaign".

The state Congress president said, "It is you (media) who give reports about Cabinet reshuffle and leadership change. Have I said anything about leadership change? Or has the CM said anything? Nothing. We have said that we will abide by the party direction. If party says the CM must remain in office for five, 10 or 15 years, that will happen. We will discharge the duty given to us".

Asserting that he was a disciplined soldier of the Congress, he said he would never cross the party line.

To a question on the 'November revolution', the deputy CM said, "There will be no revolution in November, December, January or February. There will be a revolution only in 2028, with Congress returning to power".

Asked about aspirants waiting for Cabinet berths, Shivakumar said the high command in Delhi would decide on the exercise.

Jana Gana Mana was composed to welcome British: BJP MP

BENGALURU, DHNS: Uttara Kannada BJP MP Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri has claimed that Jana Gana Mana, the country's national anthem, was written "to welcome the British".

Kageri said this at an event in Honnavar to mark 150 years of Vande Mataram, India's national song. Congress slammed Kageri, describing his claim as "utter nonsense".

Speaking at the event, Kageri said both Vande Mataram and Jana Gana Mana were equal in stature.

"I don't want to revisit history. Calls to make Vande Mataram the national anthem were strong. But our ancestors decided to keep Vande Mataram as well as Jana Gana Mana, which was composed to welcome the British. We've accepted this," Kageri, a former Karnataka Assembly Speaker, said.

Kageri said Vande Mataram should getmore prominence that it deserves.

"Vande Mataram's contribution to the freedom struggle must serve as an inspiration to us all. It must reach schools, colleges, youngsters and the masses," Kageri said.

Panchayat Raj and IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge said Kageri's claim was a "WhatsApp history lesson" by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), the BJP's ideological fount.

Priyank said Rabindranath Tagore wrote Bharoto Bhagyo Bidhata in 1911 and its first stanza became Jana Gana Mana.

"It was first sung on 27 December 1911 at the Indian National Congress in Calcutta—not as a royal tribute. Tagore also clarified in 1937 & 1939 that it hails the 'Dispenser of India's destiny' and 'could never be George V, George VI, or any other George'," Priyank said in a tweet.

The union government is celebrating 150 years of Vande Mataram.

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Think tank to release report today on risks and strategy for 2030s

BENGALURU, DHNS

Bengaluru-based think tank Synergia Foundation will release the Global Futures 2035 report at a roundtable discussion here on November 7.

The 300-page report covers key areas of change — geopolitical reconfigurations, technological breakthroughs, economic evolution, environmental sustainability and societal shifts — analysing the trends that will shape the 2030s and examining their potential impact on humanity's trajectory, said Synergia Foundation founder and president Tobby Simon.

The report has a compass that points outward from India and presents a unique view from the subcontinent, he noted.Instead of treating geopolitical, economic, technological, climate and social change as separate "risks", discussions will translate their intersections into a coherent picture of vulnerabilities and opportunities specific to India, he added.

"As we stand on the brink of a new era, understanding these strategic trends is essential to navigating the complexities of an increasingly interconnected, rapidly evolving world," Simon said.

Recalling how Synergia Foundation accurately predicted avian flu back in 2007, Simon said pandemics were not just a healthcare problem, but a national security issue.

"A pandemic could be deliberate, an accident or a leak," he told *DH*.

"We must look at these challenges and start preparing in advance instead of having to manage the unknown".

He said, "Every aspect of our national security is becoming increasingly weaponised — economy, trade, supply chains, transportation, critical minerals, manufacturing, R&D, and is dependent on larger geopolitical vectors. We should be adequately prepared to manage predictable surprises."

Speakers at the roundtable include former National Security Advisor M K Narayanan, former foreign secretaries Kanwal Sibal, Nirupama Rao and Ranjan Mathai, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission of India Anil Kakodkar, former Isro chairman S Somanath, additional chief secretary Gaurav Gupta, BBMP chief commissioner M Maheshwar Rao, Commerce and Industries department principal secretary Dr Selvakumar and TVS Capital Funds CMD Gopal Srinivasan.

In addition, Synergia plans to organise its 10th biennial conclave in New Delhi from March 11 to 13, releasing final reports on global futures, quantum computing, AI, satellites and India's future security challenges. It will also work on preparing a grand strategy for India, much like Israel.

Cong top brass bides amid...

Leadership tussle, from Page 1

Apparently, they urged the party top brass to provide clarity on whether Siddaramaiah could go ahead with a Cabinet reshuffle, or if it had other plans. A reshuffle will mean Siddaramaiah's continuation.

According to sources, Venugopal said the party will decide on what to do. "But first, we want things to calm down," he is learnt to have said. Apparently, the top brass is worried about government leadership being discussed publicly.

During the meeting Wednesday night, Siddaramaiah felt the onus was on the high command to calm the situation down, sources said. "If they're keeping me as the CM, they should call Shivakumar and talk to him. If they're making him the CM, they should call me for talks," he reportedly said.

It is said that Siddaramaiah is keen on a midterm reshuffle of the Cabinet to give fresh vigour to his government, for which he is awaiting the high command's nod. Shivakumar, however, is not in favour of a reshuffle with Siddaramaiah remaining as the CM as this could block his ambition.

Dalit CM: Protest at Satish's residence

On Thursday, Dalit activists staged a protest at Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi's residence with a demand that the next CM should belong to an SC/ST community. They held up photos of SC/ST ministers like Satish, HC Mahadevappa, G Parameshwara, Priyank Kharge and Shivaraj Tangadagi.

"If Siddaramaiah continues as CM, we have no problem. But since there are calls to change him, we want an SC/ST to become the CM," they told Satish. The minister said he would bring their petition to the Congress high command's notice.

High Court orders unified, tech platform to tackle Bengaluru's garbage mess

Garbage, from Page 1

The directions were issued while dismissing the petition filed by municipal solid waste management contractors challenging the July 30 tender for 33 packages. The court rejected their contention that the change of tender from ward-wise to multiple wards was arbitrary and made only to favour larger contractors.

The court directed establishment of an integrated technology-driven solid waste management governance framework for Bengaluru.

"It is hereby directed that the Chief Commissioner of the Greater Bangalore Authority (GBA), along with the Zonal Commissioners of each of the corporations coming under the GBA, with the assistance of the Principal Secretary, e-Governance Department, Government of Karnataka, shall design, develop and implement a single, unified and integrated digital platform for solid waste management," the court said.

The court directed for setting up of the digital dashboard with mobile application, GPS tracking, weighbridge integration and CCTV surveillance, not to be viewed as separate or standalone projects.

"They are intrinsically linked components of a single, cohesive governance ecosystem. The CCTV surveillance network shall function as a primary data-gathering and enforcement sensor network, feeding critical, real-time information directly into the analytical and operational modules of the unified digital platform," Justice Suraj Govindaraj said.

Citizen grievances about black spots lodged via the platform's mobile application will be part of the surveillance system, Justie Govindaraj said and added that evidence of violations captured by the CCTV network will be processed and penalties will be issued and tracked through the enforcement modules of the same digital platform.

The court further said, "This integrated architecture is fundamental to the success of the entire initiative, ensuring that data flows seamlessly from the 'eyes' on the ground (CCTV, GPS) to the 'brain' of the operation (the administrative dashboard) for analysis, action and accountability."

Panel to oversee

In order to oversee the implementation of the order, the court directed that a Nodal Oversight and Implementation Committee for SWM Surveillance shall be constituted by the Chief Secretary within 15 days.

"The committee will be chaired by the Chief Commissioner, Greater Bangalore Authority, and include the Zonal Commissioners of the five corporations under the GBA; the managing director and CEO of Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Ltd, who will serve as member secretary; a senior officer of deputy commissioner of police rank, be nominated by the Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru; a senior scientist or environmental officer nominated by the chairman of the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board; a technical expert in large-scale CCTV surveillance, network architecture and data management; an Additional Advocate General or the Chief Law Officer of the GBA to advise on legal matters; and any other persons the Chief Secretary deems fit. The committee must submit quarterly compliance reports," the court said.

"Bengaluru, despite its stature as a global metropolis, is plagued by the chronic issue of garbage black spots. Management of solid waste is not merely a statutory duty of the municipal corporations but a profound constitutional obligation, linked to the fundamental Right to Life under Article 21 of the Constitution," Justice Suraj Govindaraj said.

Sugarcane farmers defer highway block, set 2-day deadline for govt

Sugar minister visits Gurlapur Cross on 8th day of protest

GURLAPUR CROSS (BELAGAVI DISTRICT), DHNS

The agitating sugarcane growers on Thursday reluctantly agreed to give the state government a two-day deadline to address their eight-point demands, including fixing the sugarcane price at Rs 3,500 per tonne, following an appeal by Sugar Minister Shivanand Patil.

The minister faced the farmers' ire when he visited the protest site. The farmers shouted slogans against the government and did not allow him to speak. A few farmer leaders, including Chunappa Pujari, urged the protesters to let the minister speak. Shivanand Patil appealed to agitating farmers, with folded hands, for two days to resolve the issues.

Addressing the farmers, the minister said, "I will not indulge in politics over farmer issues. This is a very sensitive issue. The country knows what you are capable of. Please stay calm and give us two days time to address your issues. I appeal to you to postpone your plans to block the highway by two days, the minister said.

The farmer leaders told the minister that they would give the government two days' time, but not end their protest. "We will intensify our protest if the state government fails to fulfil our demands in two days," the agitating farmers warned.

Earlier in the day, the farmers staged a mock funeral of the sugar minister at Gurlapur Cross on the 8th day of the protest. They raised slogans against the minister and the government.

More than 25 religious heads and seers of the mutts in Belagavi district expressed their solidarity with the protesters. The seers, along with students of several schools and colleges, sat with the protesters at the site.

Mudalgi town witnessed complete shutdown on Thursday. The youths took out a bike rally from Mugalkhod to Gurlapur Cross.

Similar protests were witnessed at many taluks in Krishna basin districts, including Bailhongal, Ramdurg, Chennamana Kittur, Mudhol, Lokapur, Jamkhandi among others.

In Khanapur, lawyers boycotted court proceedings to extend their support to the ongoing agitation of the sugarcane growers.

The demands of the farmers of sugarcane-growing districts include fixing sugarcane price at Rs 3,500 per tonne, clearing bills within 15 days of cane supply, 12 hours of uninterrupted power supply, re-establishment of sugar commissionerate, bringing down sugar recovery costs among others.

More than 25 religious heads and seers express their solidarity with the agitating sugarcane farmers at Gurlapur Cross in Mudalagi taluk of Belagavi district on Thursday.

Patil lobs the ball into Centre's court

Sugar Minister Shivanand Patil on Thursday lobbed the ball to Centre's court saying the Union government is empowered to fix the sugarcane price. The power to fix the sugarcane price lies with the Centre. The state government is making sincere efforts to help the farmers even though we are not empowered to announce the minimum support price, Patil told reporters in Belagavi before visiting the protest site.

The Union sugar minister is from Karnataka, but nobody is taking Pralhad Joshi's name. Only Shivanand Patil is being targeted for not visiting the protest site. Nobody has pressured me not to visit the protest site, he said replying to a query.

The CM has called a meeting of sugar mill owners on Friday. The farmers should not take law into their own hands. They should drop the highway block planned on Friday, he said.

CM blames Centre during every crisis: Ashoka

BENGALURU, DHNS

Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka on Thursday criticised Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for blaming the Centre during the crisis, referring to the ongoing agitation by sugarcane farmers.

"For the Congress government, every crisis has the same solution: blame the Centre," Ashoka said.

"For nearly a week, thousands of sugarcane farmers in Vijayapura, Bagalkot and Belagavi districts have been agitating on the streets. Only when the pressure mounted did Siddaramaiah abruptly wake up and hold a press conference," Ashoka said.

"Just as expected, instead of taking responsibility, the state government pointed fingers at Delhi and tried to distance itself from the problem," he criticised.

Ashoka pointed out that Siddaramaiah, as Leader of the Opposition in May 2020, had asked then chief minister B S Yediyurappa to take up the responsibility of fixing the procurement price and set up a revolving fund of Rs 5,000 crore to protect farmers during crises.

"So, what changed after coming to power? Where did all this advice, commitment and conviction suddenly disappear?" Ashoka asked.

Seeks incentive

The BJP leader demanded that Siddaramaiah announce an incentive of Rs 500 per tonne above the fair and remunerative price (FRP) and a Rs 5,000 crore revolving fund.

'Hides behind excuses'

"When in Opposition, Siddaramaiah delivered sermons to every government. In power, he hides behind excuses and blames the Union government for everything," Ashoka said, dubbing the Congress government as "anti-farmer".

CM to meet sugar factory owners, farmers today

BENGALURU: DHNS

Amid ongoing protests by sugarcane farmers in Kittur Karnataka region, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah clarified on Thursday that the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) was set by the union government.

Addressing reporters after discussions in the Cabinet meeting on the matter, he said, "Tomorrow, I will meet owners of all sugar factories in state at 11 am. We will discuss farmers' protest and their demand for higher FRP. At 1 pm, we have called a meeting of farmer leaders".

Farmers have been protesting, demanding higher prices for their sugarcane produce, and have even warned of launching a strike and blocking highways from Nov 7 (Friday).

Explaining that prices of sugarcane depended on sugar recovery rate, the CM said it had passed an order on May 6, 2025, fixing prices.

"For a recovery rate of 10.25%, FRP is Rs 3,550 per tonne, including transport cost. If recovery rate is more than 10.25%, for every 0.1% more recovery, Rs 3.46 more has to be given. If recovery rate is less than 10.25%, for every 0.1% less, FRP reduces by Rs 3.46 till it reaches a 9.5% recovery rate. If it's 9.5% or less, FRP is Rs 3,290.5 per tonne. This has been decided by the union government and state has to implement it".

The CM said the minimum support price (MSP) for sugar was last fixed in 2019 (Rs 31 per kg).

"The union government has stopped exporting sugar for some years. Last year, merely 10 lakh metric tonnes were allowed to be exported. However, 41 lakh metric tonnes were produced in Karnataka alone. Even this has been a problem for farmers".

He accused the Opposition of "using" the innocence of farmers and providing "false" information to them.

Siddu writes to PM, seeks appointment

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in which he noted that farmers were demanding Rs 3,500 per tonne (after deductions).

"Our state has acted diligently, yet the crisis persists because the fundamental levers are in the hands of the union government. I therefore request for a prompt meeting with you so that we may address these issues in concert for the sake of our sugarcane farming community, our rural economy and the integrity of the sugarcane value-chain in Karnataka and the nation".

64.66% vote in peaceful Bihar...

Bihar, from Page 1

Meanwhile, reports pouring in from Lakhisarai said the convoy of another Deputy CM and senior BJP leader Vijay Sinha was attacked by some unidentified miscreants who also raised 'murdabad' slogan against him when he visited his constituency Lakhisarai in the central Bihar.

The RJD, however, brushed aside the charges. "Vijay Sinha himself orchestrates such attacks so that his vote share is increased," averred RJD nominee from adjoining Mokama, Veena Devi.

With today's polls, the fate of Tejashwi Yadav (from Raghopur), his estranged brother Tej Pratap (Mahua), Bihar's Deputy CMs Samrat Choudhary (Tarapur) and Vijay Sinha (Lakhisarai), folk singer Maithili Thakur (Alinagar), Anant Singh (Mokama) and late Shahabuddin's son Osama (Raghunathpur) has been sealed.

Now that the first phase of the poll is over, the second and last phase of election will be conducted on November 11. Counting of votes for all the 243 seats is slated for November 14.

Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar congratulated the electors for the historic voter turn out and thanked the electors for expressing their complete faith in the EC and turning out to vote in such large numbers with fervour and enthusiasm.

An EC official said Kumar along with Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi kept a close watch on the polling through live-webcasting which has been ensured in 100% of the polling stations for the first time in Bihar.

Kumar personally engaged with the presiding officers and District Electoral Officers from the Control Room in EC to ensure that the polling progressed smoothly.

"In another first in Bihar, as part of the International Election Visitors' Programme (IEVP), 16 delegates from six countries namely, South Africa, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, Belgium and Colombia witnessed the poll proceedings. The delegates commended the Bihar elections for being internationally, one of the most well-organised, transparent, efficient and participative elections," the EC said.

(With inputs from Shemin Joy in Delhi)

Hosur airport: TN to move Centre for...

Hosur airport, from Page 1

Besides, the Andhra Pradesh government is also mulling an airport in Kuppam, not far away from Hosur and Bengaluru.

Another source said the Hosur airport is planned to be developed on land parcels in the quadrilateral of Hosur, Berigai, Bagalur and Shoolagiri in Krishnagiri district. "The chosen location is close to the Tamil Nadu section of the Bengaluru Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR) which will not just help people from Hosur but also from south Bengaluru to use the airport once it is operationalised," the source added.

The Krishnagiri district administration has identified about 2,000 acres in over five revenue villages in Hosur and Shoolagiri taluks with local officials surveying the land parcels for the past two months as part of preparing the LDP.

"The work is in full swing, and we expect the Collector's report in about two weeks. About three months is needed from then to issue the GO for land acquisition. Though the number of habitation sites is less than 10, we just hope that there aren't many protests," the source added.

Besides site clearance, Tamil Nadu needs a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Bengaluru International Airport Limited (BIAL).

Since much of the airspace in Krishnagiri is controlled by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Bengaluru, the state government has already written to the Defence Ministry seeking relaxation of airspace restrictions for commercial operations.

◆ WEATHER ◆

Overview: Rainfall occurred at many places over Coastal and North Interior Karnataka and dry weather prevailed over South Interior Karnataka
Forecast Nov 07: Rainfall to occur at some places over the state.

INTERIOR NORTH

Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Belagavi	28.6	17.8	00
Bidar	29.2	20	00
Vijayapura	29.2	21	00
Dharwad	30	18.6	00
Haveri	30.2	19	00
Kalaburagi	33.2	24	TR
Raichur	30.4	21.6	00
COASTAL			
Honnavar	31.1	21.8	00
Karwar	31.2	22	00
Shirali	NA	NA	NA
Mangaluru	30.8	23.2	00

INTERIOR SOUTH

Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Agumbe	28.9	18.2	00
Bengaluru	28.4	20	00
Ballari	NA	NA	NA
Chamarajanagar	NA	NA	NA
Chikkamagaluru	NA	NA	NA
Chitradurga	27	18.8	00
Davangere	30.5	19	00
Hassan	NA	NA	00
Mysuru	29.8	18.2	00
Madikeri	NA	NA	NA
Kolar	28	19	00

OTHER STATIONS

New Delhi	30.4	12.7	00
Kolkata	31.5	22	00
Mumbai	30.5	21.5	00
Chennai	33.1	24.2	04
Pune	29.7	18.5	00
Hyderabad	30.6	21	00
Th'puram	31.7	23.6	06

Selfie with MES leader: Belagavi PI transferred

BELAGAVI, DHNS: Malmaruti Police Inspector (PI) J M Kalimirchi, who drew the ire of Kannada activists by taking a selfie with an MES leader during the Samiti's Black Day rally on Rajyotsava day, has been transferred without showing the place of posting.

Kalimirchi had taken a selfie with Shubham Shelke, a rowdy-sheeter known for his anti-Kannada stand, during MES' black day rally on November 1. The video clip went viral on social media.

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SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Karnataka State Warehousing Corporation Invites online e-tender Notification as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rule 2000 from the reputed I.R.D.A registered Insurance Companies for Insurance of Fidelity/crime Guarantee Floater Insurance on 150 Warehouse Managers and a Cashier at Head Office, Bangalore, for a period of one year from 08.12.2025 to 07.12.2026. The value for the Fidelity Guarantee Floater Insurance Coverage is Rs.1.00 Crore (Rupees One Crore only) per person totally Rs.20.00 Crores (Rupees Twenty Crores Only) for 150 Persons.
(1) Date of Tender Publication on E-Portal 05.11.2025 to 13.11.2025. (2) Pre Bid meeting 11.11.2025 @ 11.30 AM. (3) Last Date & Time for Submission of Tender through online 13.11.2025 @ 11.30 AM. (4) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid 14.11.2025 @ 11.30 AM. (5) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid 14.11.2025 after the technical Bid is evaluated. (6) Tender processing fee As per e-portal. The tender should be submitted through online website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Further details can be obtained from office of the undersigned during working hours.

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NOTIFICATION

As per Section 59 of the KSU Act 2000, applications for affiliation are invited for the year 2026-27 from a Registered Society/Trust / Institution to start New colleges /UG and PG Programmes and Continuation / Extension of Temporary Affiliation Fresh Permanment affiliation / Renewal of Permanent Affiliation, Aditional in take and introduction of new subject / course within Dharwad, Gadag and Uttar Kannada districts under Karnatak University jurisidiction.

Interested can apply for the above through UUCMS portal only from **10-11-2025 to 27-11-2025** for any changes in the affiliation schedule, please visit KUD website **www.kud.ac.in** – Notification and contact CDC / Affiliation Section, Karnatak University, Dharwad **(Phone No.0836-2215215).** Further, the interested Registered Soceity/Trust intended to start the New UG Professional Programmes / PG Programmes can submitte the hard copy of the affilation for Pre-Qualification on or before **07-11-2025** to the CDC/Affiliation Section, K.U.Dharwad.

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಹಾವೇರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಹಾವೇರಿ
ನಂ: ಜಿನಕೋಹಾ/ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ/ಸಿಆರ್-150/2017-18 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27/10/2025

***** ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ *****

1. ಹಾವೇರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ನಗರಸಭೆ/ ಪುರಸಭೆ/ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಶೇಷ ನೇರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಮೂಲಕ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಂದ ನಿಗಧಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾವೇರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ನಗರ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30/11/2025 ರೊಳಗಾಗಿ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.	ಹುದ್ದೆಯ ಹೆಸರು	ಒಟ್ಟು ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳು	ಕನಿಷ್ಟ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ/ಅರ್ಹತೆ	ವೇತನ ಶ್ರೇಣಿ
1	ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ	32	1. ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. 2. ಕನ್ನಡ ಮಾತನಾಡಲು ಗೊತ್ತಿರಬೇಕು. 3. ಹಾವೇರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಆಯಾ ನಗರ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07/08/2017ರ ಪೂರ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಹೊಂದಿ ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ನೇರಪಾವತಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು ಮಾತ್ರ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹರಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕಕ್ಕೆ 18 ವರ್ಷ ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದು, ಗರಿಷ್ಟ ವಯೋಮಿತಿ 55 ವರ್ಷ.	27000-46675

1. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕಾಲಮಿತಿ.

ವಿವರ	ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆ ಪಡೆಯುವ ವಿಳಾಸ
ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಕ ದಿನಾಂಕ	01/11/2025	ಹಾವೇರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ನಗರಸಭೆ ಹಾವೇರಿ/ರಾಣೇಬೆನ್ನೂರು/ಪುರಸಭೆ ಬ್ಯಾಡಗಿ/ಹಾನಗಲ್ಲ/ಸವಣೂರು/ಶಿಗ್ಗಾಂವ/ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ ಹಿರೇಕೆರೂರು/ಗುತ್ತಲ/ರಟ್ಟಿಹಳ್ಳಿ
ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	30/11/2025	

ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವರ್ಗೀಕರಣ :

1. ಹಾವೇರಿ ನಗರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 03 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ (ರೋಸ್ಟರ್ ಬಿಂದು 28 ರಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ)

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಸಾ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋ.ನಿ.ಅ	ಅಂ.ವಿ	ತೃ.ಅ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಸಾ.ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿ	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ-2ಎ	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಒಟ್ಟು	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3

2. ರಾಣೇಬೆನ್ನೂರು ನಗರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 08 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ (ರೋಸ್ಟರ್ ಬಿಂದು 38 ರಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ)

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಸಾ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋ.ನಿ.ಅ	ಅಂ.ವಿ	ತೃ.ಅ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಸಾ.ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿ	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	4
ಪ.ಪಂಗಡ	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
ಪ.ಜಾತಿ ಪ್ರ-ಎ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-3ಬಿ	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-2ಎ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಒಟ್ಟು	2	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	8

3. ಬ್ಯಾಡಗಿ ಪುರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 03 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ (ರೋಸ್ಟರ್ ಬಿಂದು 25 ರಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ)

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಸಾ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋ.ನಿ.ಅ	ಅಂ.ವಿ	ತೃ.ಅ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪ್ರ-2ಎ	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
ಸಾ. ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿ	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ. ಜಾತಿ ಪ್ರ-ಬಿ	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಒಟ್ಟು	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	3

4. ಹಾನಗಲ್ಲ ಪುರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 03 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ (ರೋಸ್ಟರ್ ಬಿಂದು 10 ರಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ)

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಸಾ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋ.ನಿ.ಅ	ಅಂ.ವಿ	ತೃ.ಅ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಸಾ. ಅ.	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ-2ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಒಟ್ಟು	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3

5. ಸವಣೂರು ಪುರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 03 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ (ರೋಸ್ಟರ್ ಬಿಂದು 09 ರಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ)

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಸಾ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋ.ನಿ.ಅ	ಅಂ.ವಿ	ತೃ.ಅ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪ.ಜಾತಿ ಪ್ರ-ಬಿ	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಸಾ. ಅ.	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-2ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಒಟ್ಟು	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

6. ಶಿಗ್ಗಾಂವ ಪುರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 03 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ (ರೋಸ್ಟರ್ ಬಿಂದು 16 ರಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ)

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಸಾ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋ.ನಿ.ಅ	ಅಂ.ವಿ	ತೃ.ಅ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಸಾ.ಅ	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-3ಎ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ.ಪಂಗಡ	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಒಟ್ಟು	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

7. ಹಿರೇಕೆರೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತನಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 03 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ (ರೋಸ್ಟರ್ ಬಿಂದು 17 ರಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ)

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಸಾ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋ.ನಿ.ಅ	ಅಂ.ವಿ	ತೃ.ಅ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪ್ರ-3ಎ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ.ಪಂ	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ-3ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಒಟ್ಟು	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

8. ಗುತ್ತಲ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತನಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 03 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ (ರೋಸ್ಟರ್ ಬಿಂದು 10 ರಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ)

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಸಾ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋ.ನಿ.ಅ	ಅಂ.ವಿ	ತೃ.ಅ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಸಾ.ಅ	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ-2ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಒಟ್ಟು	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3

9. ರಟ್ಟಿಹಳ್ಳಿ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತನಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 03 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ (ರೋಸ್ಟರ್ ಬಿಂದು 01 ರಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ)

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಸಾ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋ.ನಿ.ಅ	ಅಂ.ವಿ	ತೃ.ಅ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪ.ಜಾತಿ ಪ್ರ-ಎ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಸಾ. ಅ.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ. ಪಂಗಡ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಒಟ್ಟು	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

1. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿವರವಾದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಹಾವೇರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಆಯಾ ನಗರಸಭೆ/ಪುರಸಭೆ/ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.
2. ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆ ಪಡೆಯುವ ವಿಳಾಸ ಹಾವೇರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಆಯಾ ನಗರಸಭೆ/ಪುರಸಭೆ/ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ.
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Grounds of arrest must be provided in writing, stresses Supreme Court

Reinforces Article 22 safeguard in Mumbai BMW hit-and-run case

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

In a significant judgment, the Supreme Court on Thursday held that every arrested person must be provided with the grounds of arrest in writing and in a language they understand, irrespective of the nature of the offence or the statute involved.

A bench of Chief Justice of India BR Gavai and Justice Augustine George Masih, however, ruled that failure to supply the grounds of arrest in writing to the arrestee before or immediately after the arrest would not invalidate the arrest, provided the grounds are furnished in writing within a reasonable time and, in any case, at least two hours before the arrestee is produced before the magistrate for remand proceedings.

The judgment was delivered in the case of Mihir Rajesh Shah, relating to the high-profile Mumbai BMW hit-and-run incident of July 2024.

Justice Masih, who authored a 52-page judgment for the bench, ruled that the constitutional mandate under Article 22 of the Constitution, which guarantees that an arrested person must be informed "as soon as may be" of the grounds of arrest, is not a mere procedural formality but a fundamental safeguard of personal liberty.

"To achieve the intended objective of the constitutional mandate of Article 22 of the Constitution, the grounds of arrest must be communicated to the arrested person in each and every case without exception, and the mode of such communication must be in writing in a language he understands," the Supreme Court judgment stated.

The court emphasised that informing the arrestee of the grounds of arrest is mandatory in all offences under all statutes.

In case of non-compliance, the SC said, the arrest and subsequent remand would be rendered illegal, and the person would be at liberty to be set free.

The court directed its registry to send a copy of the judgment to all registrars general of the high courts and the chief secretaries of all states and Union Territories.

Earlier, the apex court in Pankaj Bansal (2024, PMLA), Prabir Purkayastha (2024, UAPA), and Vihaan Kumar (2025) also held that providing the grounds of arrest was mandatory as a constitutional requirement.

FOLLOWING DUE PROCESS

- Reasons must be provided in a language the arrestee understands
- Applies to all offences under all statutes, not a mere formality
- Non-supply at arrest doesn't invalidate if furnished at least 2 hrs before remand
- Judgment delivered in Mihir Rajesh Shah BMW hit-and-run case

SUPREME COURT

"Mere communication of the grounds in a language not understood by the person arrested does not fulfil the constitutional mandate under Article 22 of the Constitution of India. The failure to supply such grounds in a language understood by the arrestee renders the constitutional safeguards illusory and infringes the personal liberty of the person as guaranteed under Article 21 and 22 of the Constitution.

Two killed after being hit by train in Mumbai

MUMBAI, DHNS: Two persons were killed and three sustained injuries after they were hit by a suburban train near Sandhurst Road railway station in south Mumbai on Thursday evening, officials said.

The incident took place around 7 pm, after the suburban train service on Central Railway was disrupted due to a flash strike by employees' unions over an FIR registered against two engineers in the June 9 Mumbra accident case.

"Two persons were brought dead to the hospital, while three were injured. Of these, two took discharge against medical advice (DAMA), while one is being treated at the facility," an official.

Earlier, the official said they had alighted from the wrong side and were moving on the tracks when they were hit.

Unions representing Central Railway's employees stopped suburban train operations at the busy Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus for nearly an hour to oppose the FIR. Services resumed after officials assured the protesters they would pursue the matter with authorities.

New policy: Govt aims to create 25k startups

Startup, From Page 1

The note also points out that 50% of all funded startups in India originate from Bengaluru. The policy intends to support the development of incubation and acceleration facilities to serve as key enablers in strengthening the startup ecosystem.

"Karnataka already stands as the unrivalled leader in India's startup landscape, playing a pivotal role in positioning the country as a global innovation and entrepreneurial hub. This strategic initiative will further empower impact-driven business models, boost social entrepreneurship and promote inclusive growth in the state," IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge said in a press release.

As per the policy, which *DH* has accessed, the government intends to establish startups beyond Bengaluru through funding from the Beyond Bengaluru Cluster Seed Fund, as a 'policy pillar'. "It will support early-stage startups by providing critical seed capital, mentorship, and access to investor networks and help in bridging urban-rural innovation, encourage local entrepreneurship and nurture region-specific solutions," the policy document says.

The Elevate Beyond Bengaluru will act as a 'policy pillar', and be a key initiative by the Karnataka government to foster startup growth in tier 2 and tier 3 cities.

Fund of Funds

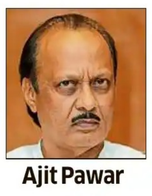
The state government intends to create a 'fund of funds', another 'policy pillar' totalling Rs 500 crore to support startups developing innovative solutions with longer gestation periods.

The policy aims at building a talent-rich ecosystem beyond Bengaluru through growth labs. The six identified tech clusters will be divided into two broad clusters — Cluster A (Mysuru, Mangaluru and Tumakuru) and Cluster B (Hubballi–Dharwad, Kalaburgi and Shivamogga).

Ajit Pawar's son 'lands' in trouble over Rs 300-cr deal

Maha govt orders probe, suspends official

MRITYUNJAY BOSE
MUMBAI, DHNS



Ajit Pawar

Parth Pawar

Maharashtra Devendra Fadnavis on Thursday ordered a probe into allegation of irregularities in a Rs 300 crore land deal in Pune involving a company linked to deputy chief minister and NCP leader Ajit Pawar's elder son Parth Pawar.

The three-member committee would be headed by the Revenue Department's Additional Chief Secretary Vikas Kharge.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis termed the deal prima facie 'serious' and said he has sought information concerning the case from relevant departments. "I don't think Ajit Pawar would back his son if irregularities are found in the matter," the CM added.

Around 40 acres of Mahar Watan land—located in Mundhwa off the prime Koregaon Park area—belonging to the government was sold to Amadea Enterprises LLP, in which Parth and Digvijay Patil are partners, for Rs 300 crore, and the stamp duty on it was waived. According to sources, the commercial value of land could be Rs 1,800 crore.

The 'Watan' category land, reserved for the Mahar community, is protected under the Bombay Inferior Village Watans Abolition Act, 1958 and cannot be sold.

NCP chief denies role

Ajit Pawar distanced himself from the deal. "I have nothing to do with this...I have no relation with this...you all know me...I work within the framework of law...I don't call officers for work of acquaintances and relatives," he said.

SPOT OF BOTHER

- 40-acre govt land worth Rs 1,800 crore sold for Rs 300 crore, and the stamp duty was waived
- Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis terms the deal prima facie 'serious' and constitutes a 3-member panel to investigate it
- Government suspends a sub-registrar and sets up a high-level committee to investigate alleged irregularities in the land deal

"I do not have complete information about whatever the media is showing. As Ajit Pawar, I have no direct or indirect connection with that matter. The people of Maharashtra have known me for 35 years. I have decided to get complete information about this matter," he added.

However, he admitted that he had heard about something like this going on. "I had given instructions not to do anything that is wrong and illegal. But, what happened in the meantime? I do not know," he said and welcomed the probe. When pointed out the address of his bungalow, he said, "It is not my address...the address is that of Parth Ajit Pawar, not mine."

The government has suspended Tehsildar Suryakant Yewale and sub-registrar Ravindra Taru.

Oppn parties seek Ajit Pawar ouster

MUMBAI, DHNS: As Ajit Pawar became entangled in a major mess over his son's alleged involvement in a controversy over a land deal in Pune, the Maha Vikas Aghadi in the Opposition in Maharashtra mounted a major offensive against the Devendra Fadnavis-headed Maha Yuti dispensation and sought the deputy chief minister's dismissal.

Pune-based RTI activist Vijay Kumbhar noted: "The Mundhwa deal was not just an irregular transaction—it was a serious breach of law and public trust. Considering the gravity of the case, the government has suspended the sub-registrar involved."

He added: "Serious irregularities were committed during the registration of the Rs 300-crore deed, resulting in stamp duty loss of over Rs 6 crore and clear harm to public interest. Shockingly, the 7/12 extract mentioned 'Government of Mumbai' as the holder. Yet the registration went ahead without mandatory verification or NOC."

The Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT)'s senior leader Ambadas Danve, targeted Fadnavis, who is known as Deva-bhau, saying: "This is happening in the regime of Meva-bhau."

Maharashtra Congress chief Harshavardhan Sapkal urged Fadnavis to dismiss Ajit Pawar, adding: "Ajit Pawar threatened farmers on the issue of loan waivers by asking why they demanded 'everything for free'?... Stamp duty of Rs 21 crore has been waived on this land deal....This entire matter is a major scam and Fadnavis owes an explanation."

HAZY HORIZONS

Men row a boat in the Yamuna river as a layer of smog engulfs the city amid deterioration in the air quality in New Delhi on Thursday. The 24-hour average Air Quality Index (AQI), reported at 4 pm every day, stood at 311, placing Delhi in the 'red zone', according to data from the Central Pollution Control Board. PTI

Won't fill SIR form until all of West Bengal does it: Mamata

ANIRBAN BHAUMIK
KOLKATA, DHNS

With suicides continuing across West Bengal allegedly over fears of disenfranchisement, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday said she would not fill up the 'enumeration form' delivered to her residence for the Special Intensive Review (SIR) of the electoral rolls until every citizen of the state was able to do so.

One of the 80,681 Booth Level Officers visited the CM's residence on Wednesday and delivered the forms meant for her and other voters in her family. Mamata, however, dismissed as "completely false, misleading and deliberate propaganda" media reports claiming that she had personally accepted the forms from the BLO.

"The BLO came to our locality to do the job assigned to him, enquired at my residence office about the number of voters in our household, and left the forms," she posted on Facebook on Thursday, adding: "I have not filled up any form, nor will I, as long as everyone in West Bengal has not filled up the form."

TMC leaders alleged that the anxiety of losing voting rights had led to the deaths of at least 11 people in West Bengal since the announcement of the SIR — mostly by suicide, and some purportedly due to anxiety.

Mamata and her party accused the EC of working at the behest of the BJP and attempting to disenfranchise a large number of genuine citizens living in Bengal to secure political advantage for the saffron party in the Assembly elections next year.

Calcutta HC asks ECI to file affidavit on PIL questioning SIR

The Calcutta High Court on Thursday asked the Election Commission of India to state its position by filing an affidavit on a PIL questioning why the ongoing SIR of electoral rolls was being done based on the 2002 voters' list, reports PTI.

The commission submitted before the court that the petition is "not maintainable".

DMK-led SPA to hit streets against SIR on November 11

CHENNAI, DHNS: Reiterating their opposition to the SIR of electoral rolls in Tamil Nadu, which they claim is aimed at removing genuine voters from the list, the DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance (SPA) on Thursday announced "massive protests" in all 38 district headquarters on November 11, demanding an immediate halt to the exercise.

In a joint statement, the parties accused the EC of acting as a "puppet" of the BJP and alleged that the move is seen as depriving people of their voting rights and undermining democracy at its roots. They also alleged that the BLOs have still not started distributing enumeration forms in many areas and there is poor coordination between them and Booth Level Agents.

Rahul's presser puts spotlight on Brazilian woman

NEW DELHI, PTI: Rahul Gandhi's "vote-chori" presser has put the spotlight on a Brazilian woman whose photo the Congress leader claimed appeared multiple times on Haryana's voter list, with the Internet abuzz about her identity and a video reaction of hers expressing shock at the development.

Congress leader Supriya Shrinate shared a video of the woman, identified as Larissa Nery, purportedly reacting to her image going viral, after Gandhi showed it at his press conference on Wednesday and claimed that it was used 22 times at 10 booths in the Rai Assembly constituency of Haryana.

Media reports quoted the Brazilian woman as saying in the video that the photo shown at the press conference is an old photo of hers.

"Guys, they are using an old photo of mine. It is an old photo, okay? I was young in the photo, I was like 18 or 20 years old.... I do not know if it is an election or something about voting that you have to vote for. And in India. Ah! they are portraying me as Indian to scam people, guys. What madness!" she was quoted as saying, according to a rough translation from Portuguese.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during a press conference in New Delhi. PTI FILE

Organising, participating in protests not a crime: Delhi riots accused to apex court

NEW DELHI, PTI: Shadab Ahmed, an accused in a UAPA case linked to February 2020 riots in Delhi, told the Supreme Court on Thursday that organising and participating in protests was not a criminal offence.

Senior advocate Siddharth Luthra, appearing for Ahmed, also refuted prosecution's claim of delay on Ahmed's part before a bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and N V Anjaria.

"He is 27 years old and working as supervisor at NDS Enterprises Jagatpuri since 2016. Arguments on charge are going on, but for me the arguments are over and no delay on my part.

"The protected witnesses deposed that they had heard him discuss the conspiracy at a biryani stall. A witness had deposed that Ahmed had organised the protests and attended them. Organising and participating in protests was not a criminal offence," Luthra said.

The apex court has now posted the matter for hearing on November 11 when the Delhi Police will commence its arguments.

On Monday, activist Shifa-ur-Rehman had told the top court that he was "cherry-picked" and no offence was made out against him under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

Umar Khalid, Sharjeel Imam, Gulfisha Fatima, Meeran Haider and Rehman were booked under the anti-terror law and provisions of the erstwhile IPC for allegedly being the "masterminds" of the February 2020 riots, which left 53 people dead and over 700 injured.

The violence erupted during the protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) and the National Register of Citizens (NRC).

Seeking bail in the UAPA case linked to the 2020 Delhi riots, Khalid had told the apex court that there is no evidence linking him to violence and denied conspiracy charges against him.

CHARITY CHAMPS

Infosys co-founders donate Rs 850 cr, set philanthropy record

MRITYUNJAY BOSE
MUMBAI, DHNS

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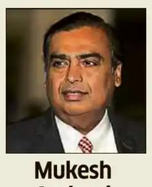
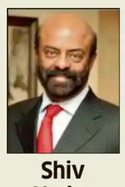


Mukesh Ambani



Shiv Nadar

The Infosys Family has set a record in philanthropy with the co-founders and their families — Nandan Nilekani, Kris Gopalakrishnan, K Dinesh, Rohini Nilekani, and Kumari Shibulal — collectively donating over Rs 850 crore this year, according to EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2025.

The annual contribution of Rs 850 crore averages more than Rs 2 crore in giving each day, marking a record for philanthropy stemming from a single company.

With an annual donation of Rs 2,708 crore, Shiv Nadar and family retained the 'India's Most Generous' title for the fourth time in five years, with a donation of Rs 7.4 crore per day.

On the other hand, Mukesh Ambani and family secured the second spot with an annual donation of Rs 626 crore.

Reliance Industries, led by Mukesh Ambani and family, contributed Rs 1,309 crore to CSR, surpassing the required mandatory spend by Rs 261 crore.

The list finds 191 philanthropists who cumulatively donated Rs 10,380 crore, up by 85% compared to three years ago.

Donations were measured by the value of their cash or cash equivalents from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025.

The top 25 in the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2025 donated Rs 50,000 crore in just three years — an average of Rs 46 crore every single day. With a donation of Rs 204 crore, Rohini Nilekani is the most generous woman on the list.

Top professional managers, led by A M Naik (Rs 54 crore), Amit Chandra and Archana Chandra (Rs 47 crore), and venture capitalists Prashanth Prakash and Amitha Prashanth (Rs 17 crore) continue to be in the Top 100 Most Generous in India, solely donating from a personal capacity.

All of them cumulatively donated nearly Rs 800 crore in the last 3 years.

Naghma Mulla, CEO, EdelGive Foundation, said, "As India's economy continues to grow, so too must our collective commitment to inclusive and equitable development. No single organisation can address the complex, interwoven needs at our grassroots; true impact emerges when we come together, pooling our knowledge, capital, and compassion."

Zubeen Garg case: Assam CIC resigns after kin's arrest

SUMIR KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI, DHNS

More than a month after his younger brother was arrested in connection with the alleged murder of superstar Zubeen Garg in Singapore, State Information Commission Chairperson and former Assam Police director general Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta resigned, citing moral grounds.

Mahanta, who was appointed the commission chairperson after his retirement as DGP in 2023, resigned on Wednesday, a day after an RTI application sought information about government funds released to his younger brother Shyamkanu.

Shaymkanu was arrested on October 2 in connection with Garg's alleged murder in Singapore on September 19.

Garg (52), was in Singapore to attend the Northeast India Festival, organised by Shaymkanu. He reportedly died while swimming in the sea during a yacht party with his friends and associates.

Bhaskar Jyoti said he submitted his resignation to Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya on Wednesday on "moral grounds" after he received the RTI application on Tuesday.

Bhaskar Jyoti's other brother, Nani Gopal Mahanta, is the vice-chancellor of Gauhati University, who served as an education advisor to Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma before his latest appointment.

The Mahanta family has come under scrutiny from the Opposition parties and some local organisations, who allege that Shyamkanu could be saved due to the family's ties with the CM.

Earlier, Garg's bandmate Sekhar Jyoti Goswami alleged that Garg was poisoned by his manager Siddharth Sharma and Shyamkanu. Both were arrested on October 2.

So far, five people have been arrested in connection with the case.

Bhaskar Jyoti's resignation came days after Sarma claimed that no government funds were given to Shyamkanu to organise the festival.

Veteran actor-singer Sulakshana Pandit dies at 71

MUMBAI, PTI: Veteran playback singer and actor Sulakshana Pandit, known for movies like "Uljhan" and "Chehre Pe Chehra", died on Thursday due to cardiac arrest, brother Lalit Pandit confirmed the news. She was 71.

Sulakshana was being taken to Nanavati hospital when she breathed her last.

Sulakshana debuted with *Uljhan* in 1975 opposite Sanjeev Kumar and then went on to work with almost all the top stars of her era including Rajesh Khanna, Shashi Kapoor and Vinod Khanna.

Her other major movies are *Sankoch*, *Hera Pheri*, *Khandaan* and *Dharam Khanta*. She also had a parallel and equally impressive career as a playback singer and sang hits like *Tu hi saagar tu hi kinara*, *Pardesiya tere desh mein*, *Bekrar dil tut gaya*, *Baandhi re kahe preet*, and *Somvaar ko hum mile*.

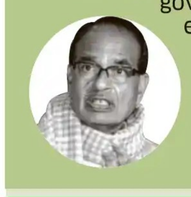
COUNTER

"If a roti is not flipped on a tawa (pan), it gets burnt. Twenty years is a long time. A Tejashwi government is essential to build a new Bihar

Lalu Prasad
RJD chief

V/S

A day before polling, (Rahul) Gandhi started searching for excuses, talking about 'vote chori'. He knows the people of Bihar stand firmly with development, welfare, good governance and women's empowerment. Gandhi did not campaign seriously, and he spent his time catching fish"



Shivraj Singh Chouhan
Union minister

PARTIES' PROMISE

NDA	I.N.D.I.A bloc
Up to **Rs 2 lakh** aid for women under CM Mahila Rozgar Yojana	**Rs 2,500** monthly allowance for women

MONTHLY ALLOWANCE IN OTHER STATES

12 states (Assam, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal) run similar schemes

6 of these states face revenue deficits

ALLOWANCE RANGE

Rs 833 (Odisha) – **Rs 2,500** (Jharkhand, Delhi)

Rs 1.68 lakh crore earmarked in 2025-26 budgets

(Source: NDA/I.N.D.I.A manifestos: PRS Legislative Research)

Poll diary

BJP will try to steal votes, youth should stop it: Rahul

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday alleged that the BJP will try to "steal votes" in the Bihar Assembly polls with all its might, and it is the responsibility of the youth to act against it. Addressing a poll rally in Purnea, Gandhi claimed that the BJP was winning elections everywhere by "stealing votes".
"We have shown the entire world that the BJP and the Election Commission have stolen the Haryana election. I am sure that they would try to steal votes in Bihar, too. And, I believe that the previous election in Bihar was also stolen."

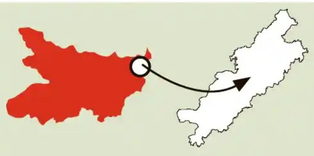
Bihar will reject politics of hate: CPM general secy

The Mahagathbandhan's campaign received an overwhelming response from the people of Bihar, Communist Party of India (Marxist) general secretary MA Baby said on Thursday, and expressed confidence that people, especially youth, will reject "politics of hate".
In a post on X, the CPM general secretary said the opposition's alliance has brought issues of people's welfare and livelihood to the fore.
The CPM is contesting from four assembly constituencies in the Bihar elections.

UP Police deploys 600 personnel along border

Amidst the ongoing Assembly elections in Bihar, its neighbouring state, Uttar Pradesh, has deployed over 600 police personnel and 40 companies of the Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) along the border to maintain peace and ensure smooth polling. Besides this, as many as 94 check posts have been set up along the UP-Bihar border.

CONSTITUENCY WATCH



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SWEETY SINGH
BJP
2020: Runner-up

MD QAMRUL HODA
CONG
2020: Second runner-up

The jailbreak that scarred Bihar's history

The November 13, 2005 incident in Jehanabad, once a Maoist hotbed, also marked the end of the Lalu regime

FROM THE GROUND

SATISH JHA
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Santosh Devi, in her 50s, vividly remembers the night when a group of armed men and women launched an all-out attack to break into the Jehanabad jail premises. Her rented home, doubling as a daytime tea shop, stood right against the boundary wall of the jail.

"Suddenly, there was a gherao and everything turned chaotic. We heard voices shouting, 'Climb up the jail!' and others warning, 'We won't harm the public, just lock yourselves inside or we will shoot'," she recalls. She remembers seeing ladders and ropes being used to scale the walls. By morning, two people lay dead, parts of the jail building had collapsed, and several inmates had escaped.

The jailbreak happened on the night of November 13, 2005, in the middle of the Bihar Assembly election campaign, when the state was under President's Rule. The incident took place in Jehanabad, once considered a hotbed of Maoist insurgency. President's Rule had been imposed in the state after no political party or alliance was able to secure a majority in the elections held in March-April that year.

The incident made national headlines and entered public memory as the biggest jailbreak in the country. A total of 389 out of 800 prisoners escaped. The case became a reference point in the collective memory for the height of "lawlessness" and Maoist insurgency, which had spread from Naxalbari in West Bengal since the late 1960s.

Later, investigations revealed the attack was carried out to release Ajay Kanu, the Naxal commander reported to have masterminded the jailbreak.

"I was sleeping at home when we first heard gunshots and explosions. At first, we thought it was fireworks. But soon after, there was an announcement that the group had come to free their leaders and that the public need not worry," recalls Anil Kumar Yadav, 44.

Yadav's home stood right next to the jail, beside the watchtower — now a crumbling ruin. The jail has since been shifted, leaving most of the old premises abandoned. On part of the land, a residential complex for judges has been built.

'Black night'

Sanjiv Kumar Yadav, 45, whose house stood barely 50 steps from the jail, also remembers the long night. "At that time, people were afraid, but it was an exceptional case and has gone down as a black night in the history of Jehanabad," he says. Asked whether it was the result of 'jungle raj', he replies, "Jungle Raj is a poem we are told to recite repeatedly, used for political gain."

Incidentally, the incident also marked the end of Lalu Prasad Yadav's regime in Bihar, as he has remained out of power in the state ever since. Days later, the Nitish Kumar-led NDA formed the government.

Peace returned over the next five years, ending cycles of violence rooted in land, caste and social justice conflicts. By 2024, Bihar was "freed from Left-Wing Extremism", which had once gripped Jehanabad, Arwal, Aurangabad and a dozen districts in central and south Bihar.

"There is such a difference between then and now. Today, we can vote according to our own choice. Back then, the big upper-caste people wouldn't even let us reach the polling booth," says Ramdev Rajvanshi, a Dalit, at a chowk near Laxmanpur Bathe, site of one of the worst caste massacres in 1997, where 58 members of his community were killed.

Two years later, in 1999, 34 men from the Bhumihar community in Senari village were allegedly killed by Maoists in retaliation for the Laxmanpur Bathe massacre. Modern Bihar's history has been scarred by such large-scale killings.

TURNING POINT

- The jailbreak happened during the election campaign, when Bihar was under President's Rule
- 389 of 800 prisoners escaped amid lawlessness and Maoist insurgency
- Days later, NDA formed the govt in the state under Nitish Kumar
- Within five years, peace replaced cycles of caste and land-driven violence
- Many believe times have changed. Now, people can cast their vote freely, as per their choice.

The dilapidated watchtower of Jehanabad's old jail, once attacked by Maoist insurgents. DH PHOTO

'Lalchi bandar' to 'nalayak', poll rhetoric peaks

RJD, JD(U) in social media crossfire; Delhi CM joins slugfest, says 'khalnayak' will go to jail after election

SLANGING MATCH

- RJD alleges betrayal and deceit within NDA allies
- JD(U) counters with 'Don't waste votes on lalchi bandar'
- Delhi CM Rekha Gupta brands Oppn leaders Khalnayak and Nalayak

ABHAY KUMAR
PATNA

The RJD and JD(U) traded sharp words even as polling was underway in 121 Assembly constituencies on Thursday.

It began with an RJD post on X, in Hindi, claiming that reports from across the state pointed to "betrayal and deceit" within the NDA, with allies intent on backstabbing one another.

"BJP and LJP supporters are not voting for the JD(U), while JD(U) men are not rooting for the BJP or LJP... there is a deep conspiracy within the NDA, with many aspirants for the CM's post in the BJP and LJP. Don't vote for those betraying each other. Vote for Tejashwi's government if you want a government job," the RJD wrote.

The JD(U) hit back on social media with a stern message, "Do not waste your vote on the 'lalchi bandar' (greedy monkey). These people, through their dilapidated lantern, are selling dreams and promising the moon to grab power. Those on crutches will vanish from Bihar once the election is over, as will the leader who built an edifice on falsehood. The fact is, voters are rooting for those who ushered in development... The NDA is moving towards a majority."

Rekha Gupta adds fuel

Amid the RJD-JD(U) slugfest, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta escalated the rhetoric with sharper barbs at Opposition leaders.

"The Khalnayak will go to jail after the election, while the Nalayak will holiday abroad," she said, without naming RJD's Tejashwi Yadav or Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

"The one facing corruption charges, the Khalnayak, will be behind bars, while the Nalayak, who misleads people, will go abroad for vacation," the Delhi chief minister said while addressing a rally in Bihar on Thursday.

People raise slogans after Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha alleged an attack on his convoy by RJD supporters in Lakhisarai on Thursday. PTI

Bihar lines up for Phase 1

Voters wait in a queue to cast votes at a polling station during the first phase of the Bihar Assembly elections, at Danapur in Patna, on Thursday. PTI

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar shows his ink-marked finger after casting his vote in Bakhtiyarpur, Patna. PTI

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav with his family, including Lalu Prasad and Rabri Devi, outside a polling station in Patna. PTI

People carry an elderly man on a cot to a polling station in Patna. PTI

Voters brave flooded roads, rough terrain to reach ballot box

DARBHANGA/MUNGER, PTI: Far from the election campaigns and high-decibel claims of political parties, the first phase of Bihar polls on Thursday captured both the grit of voters and the gaps that successive governments have failed to plug.

In Darbhanga's Kusheshwar Asthan constituency, voters braved flooded roads and difficult terrains to cast their votes, many with their children in tow. "What is this? This is water! If someone breaks a leg or gets hurt, who will accept the responsibility?" an agitated voter asked.

Residents claimed that bricks had been hurriedly placed just a day earlier to create a semblance of a pathway.

Behind the frustration lies a deeper pain: the story of migration, running like a fault line through the region. Entire villages depend on sons working in Delhi, Punjab or beyond.

"There are a lot of problems. Our sons go to Delhi and Punjab to work, and there is no one who cares. If the government provided some employment here, they would stay here in the village," said a voter.

But while some voters battled floods, others celebrated the end of a long wait.

In Munger's Bhimbandh, part of the Naxal-hit Tarapur seat, residents queued up with visible relief and excitement as a polling booth had finally returned to their village after 20 years.

The booth, officials said, was shifted elsewhere after a deadly 2005 incident in which seven police personnel were killed. Security concerns and the surrounding forest terrain kept the voting centre away for two decades.

For elderly voter Vishnu Dev Singh, it was a moment heavy with memory. "I had voted here in 2005 or before that. After that, for 20 years, we used to vote at a booth outside the village because of the forest and Naxal problem. Today, it feels good to vote again here in my village.

BIHAR VOTES

GRASSROOTS TOUCH

JMM leader Kalpana Soren greets supporters during a campaign in support of party candidate Somesh Soren, ahead of the Ghatsila bypoll, in Jharkhand's East Singhbhum district, on Thursday. PTI

HIGH STAKES

Jubilee Hills bypoll litmus test for CM

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HYDERABAD, DHNS

For Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, the Jubilee Hills bypoll has become a high-stakes battle.

Burning the midnight oil, Revanth Reddy has been omnipresent throughout the constituency, overseeing everything from strategic planning to grassroots mobilisation.

For nearly a week leading up to the November 11 bypoll, he has thrown himself into an intense campaign blitzkrieg. The timing makes this contest particularly significant.

Coming just two years after Congress assumed power in Telangana, the bypoll result could serve as a referendum on his governance, potentially shaping public perception of his administration's performance, especially in the GHMC region.

Political observers view the Jubilee Hills bypoll as a litmus test for Revanth Reddy, a symbolic battle for political dominance in Hyderabad. For Revanth Reddy, it represents an opportunity to demonstrate his government's acceptance among the voters.

Last Sunday, he held a luncheon meeting with cabinet colleagues, entrusting each minister with responsibility for booth management and campaign coordination in different divisions of the assembly constituency.

Revanth Reddy

He is not leaving a single opportunity unexplored. With Muslims expected to play a decisive role in the bypoll, former Indian cricketer Mohammed Azharuddin has been inducted into the cabinet.

The CM emphasised that each minister is accountable for their assigned division and must ensure effective on-ground coordination.

For two consecutive days last week, Revanth Reddy participated in the campaign. After a brief break, he resumed with renewed vigor. From Wednesday onwards, he will address at least three to four roadshows and street corner meetings, aiming to connect with around four lakh voters in the segment.

The chief minister alleged that the BJP was supporting BRS in the Jubilee Hills bypoll. If the BJP secures its deposit, the saffron party's performance can be considered a significant victory.

He listed various schemes, including a waiver of Rs 21,000 crore in farm loans and the recruitment of over 60,000 jobs. He urged voters to give Congress candidate Naveen Yadav a 30,000-vote majority.

"The bypoll result will have a direct bearing on his leadership and governance. He is striving hard not only for the Congress candidate's win but also for a substantial majority. If BRS loses, they can blame Congress for using money and muscle power while in office to wrest the seat. But for Congress and Revanth, that's not the case. Being in power with everything at their disposal and still losing would be a major embarrassment," said a political analyst.

Rush of first-time voters could overwhelm authorities: HC

MRITYUNJAY BOSE
MUMBAI, DHNS

In a significant order, the Bombay High Court distinguished between "freedom to vote" from "right to vote", observing that if every individual began submitting voter enrolment applications immediately upon becoming an adult, it would overwhelm the authorities with verification work.

A division bench of the Bombay HC, comprising Justice Riyaz Chagla and Justice Farhan Dubash, while referring to a Supreme Court judgement, said there was a difference between "freedom to vote" and "right to vote".

"Once you turn 18, you have the freedom to vote. But the right comes only when the electoral list is revised by the authorities," it said.

The court's observations came during the hearing of a petition filed by Rupika Singh, whose voter registration application was rejected since she attained adulthood after the cutoff date of October 1, 2024, for last year's Maharashtra Legislative Assembly elections.

"A person who has turned 18 would be included whenever there is a revision of the electoral rolls," the court pointed out. It was of the opinion that if every person started filing applications as soon as they turned 18, then the authorities would be left verifying each application.

The bench directed the Electoral Registration Officer to consider Singh's application within six weeks and disposed of her petition.

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Evasive EC erodes trust in poll processes

Allegations made by Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi about electoral malpractices in Haryana raise questions about the integrity of the polls and the credibility of the Election Commission of India (ECI). Gandhi's charges, made during his media interaction on Wednesday, are not a blanket statement on elections in the country, but with no credible explanations coming from the EC, apprehensions about its functioning will remain. If the LoP's previous allegations were about individual constituencies, such as Mahadevapura and Aland in Karnataka, he has now claimed that the entire Assembly election in Haryana, held in November 2024, was 'stolen' by the BJP, with support from the EC. 'Operation Sarkar Chori', he said, was orchestrated to deny the Congress a landslide victory as predicted by multiple exit polls and opinion polls.

Gandhi shared the list of voters in Haryana's Rai Assembly constituency, in which the photograph of a Brazilian female model was seen as used 22 times across 10 booths, as voters with different names. He claimed that one in eight voters in Haryana was fake (over 25 lakh voters) and 1,24,177 voters in the state had fake photographs on the rolls. Despite this, the Congress lost eight seats by a cumulative margin of 22,779 votes. Gandhi's statements are based on the EC's records, and the malpractices he has pointed out are similar to the ones he has highlighted in the past. There is a pattern of manipulation in voters' lists, and with similar discrepancies coming to the fore in other parts of the country, it is upon the EC to address, with credible evidence, the allegations of a centralised plan to tamper with the elections, to the advantage of the BJP.

Electoral integrity takes another hit with the LoP's charges. Answers are still awaited

Neither the EC nor the BJP has given convincing responses to Gandhi's charges. The Commission has outrightly denied any malpractice and has asked why the voters' lists were not vetted by the Congress booth agents. Gandhi has pointed out that the lists were made available too late for an examination. In any case, the EC should not be deflecting the questions by posing its own questions when the responsibility of fair conduct of the polls rests with the Commission. The BJP, on expected lines, has sought to ridicule and vilify Gandhi. Still, there are no answers. Asking the LoP to approach the court does not make sense. The situation warrants urgent correction, not long-drawn legal redress. Citizens have a right to free and fair elections, and faltering institutions weaken the country's democratic foundations.

Fair compensation for denied justice

The Supreme Court has flagged critical systemic failings in two recent cases that involved delayed and flawed delivery of justice. It highlighted the need for trial courts to frame charges within a stipulated time and raised the possibility of compensation for miscarriage of justice resulting from wrongful arrest, prosecution, and conviction. While hearing the case of a man who was jailed for 11 months because of delayed framing of charges, the Court said it had noticed that it took months or even years for charges to be framed in some cases. The law mandates a charge sheet to be filed in 60 days, and 90 days in more serious cases. If this deadline is not met, the accused is entitled to default bail. Police, at times, deliberately delay the filing of charges to help the accused under political or other pressures.

While the non-filing of charges is a subversion of justice, there is a bigger injustice in not framing the charges after they are filed. This keeps the accused in jail because of the failure of the court, the dispenser of justice, to frame the charges. This is one of the main reasons for the overcrowding of India's prisons. The Court asked why lower courts were not following a timeline for framing the charges when the police were mandated to observe one for filing the charge sheets. It has proposed to issue pan-India guidelines for lower courts on the matter and sought assistance from the Attorney General and Solicitor General. The Court has also appointed two senior advocates as *amici curiae* in connection with the proposal.

SC questions delayed framing of charges, revives debate on compensation for the wrongfully jailed

In a different case, the Court addressed an even more complex question – should there be financial compensation for wrongful prosecution, prolonged incarceration, the resultant physical and mental suffering, and loss of reputation? While hearing the petitions of three people acquitted after being on the death row for years, it noted that many others were similarly left to suffer because of the system's failures. There is no legal framework in the country to guide decisions in such cases, but courts have awarded compensation on an ad hoc basis. The Court, again, turned to the Attorney General and Solicitor General for assistance in this matter. Its view on the compensation question holds significance because the conviction rate in the country is just over 54%. It is to be noted that many countries provide compensation for victims of wrongful imprisonment, and the Law Commission has favoured it in India.

THE SANDWICH GENERATION

Ageing workforce calls for stronger support systems

Indian companies must adopt caregiving-friendly policies to retain experienced talent and sustain productivity

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India is entering a defining demographic transition. For decades, its economic narrative has rested on the promise of a young, dynamic workforce. That reality, however, is changing – gradually yet unmistakably. According to the UN World Population Prospects, by 2036, nearly one in five Indians will be over the age of 60. The impact of this shift is no longer confined to future projections; it is already reshaping the composition, priorities, and pressures within the country's workforce.

Many Indian organisations now employ four generations concurrently – Gen Z, millennials, Gen X, and baby boomers. Improved longevity, economic aspirations, and the desire for relevance have kept older professionals in the workforce longer. Simultaneously, mid-career employees, particularly those in their forties and fifties, increasingly represent the "sandwich generation," balancing professional responsibilities with the dual demands of caring for ageing parents and supporting young adult children.

This dual pressure has significant implications for workforce well-being and productivity. Surveys have shown that nearly one-third of Indian employees report caregiving as a factor that affects their work performance. Yet, corporate policy frameworks largely remain oriented toward early-career needs – maternity benefits, childcare support, and flexible work for young parents – while mid-life and eldercare support receive limited institutional recognition.

Caregiving for ageing family members has emerged as one of the least visible yet most consequential challenges in today's workplace. Employees managing eldercare often confront unpredictable medical situations, financial stress due to healthcare costs, and emotional strain. Few organisations offer structured eldercare leave; health insurance seldom provides adequate coverage for dependent parents, especially in cases involving pre-existing conditions.

Employee assistance programmes, where available, are typically confined to counselling or stress management. They rarely extend to practical caregiving support such as navigating medical systems, arranging home care, or managing elder-specific financial concerns.

This reflects a wider cultural assumption – that caregiving remains a private, family matter. In a context where state support systems are limited, this assumption is increasingly unsustainable.

The consequences of this policy gap are both human and economic. Research across Asia suggests that employees who shoulder caregiving responsibilities experience higher absenteeism, greater burnout, and up to 30% lower productivity. Many, especially women, are compelled to leave the workforce.

The attrition of experienced professionals in their peak productivity years represents a significant loss of institutional knowledge, leadership

continuity, and mentorship capacity. At a macro level, it weakens India's ability to capitalise on its demographic dividend. The emerging "longevity economy" thus demands as much attention as the digital economy that dominates corporate discourse today.

Encouragingly, a small but growing number of companies in India are beginning to acknowledge the realities of caregiving and workforce ageing. Some have introduced dedicated caregiver leave policies that allow employees to take time off to care for family members with chronic or long-term conditions. Others have expanded health insurance to include dependent parents or have created employee resource groups that provide emotional and peer support for caregivers.

Flexible work arrangements – remote work during medical crises, short-term schedule adjustments, or phased return-to-work programmes – are becoming more common. A few organisations are also exploring models for phased retirement or second careers, enabling older professionals to continue contributing through mentorship or consulting roles.

These initiatives, while still limited in number, represent a significant cultural shift. They signal recognition that caregiving and ageing are not private burdens but systemic realities that directly influence workforce sustainability.

Age-inclusive, care-sensitive workplaces

To address these challenges at scale, caregiving and longevity must be integrated into the broader diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) agenda. Indian organisations have made notable progress on gender, disability, and LGBTQ+ inclusion; it is time to extend this understanding to life-stage inclusion.

Recognising caregiving as a legitimate DEI issue allows employees to seek support without stigma. It also encourages the creation of structured policy responses – formal eldercare leave, expanded health benefits, partnerships with healthcare providers, and workplace awareness initiatives.

Equally vital is a shift in leadership mindset. Building a culture of empathy requires equipping managers to recognise caregiver stress, normalising dialogue about life-stage challenges, mental health challenges and promoting intergenerational collaboration. It also allows healthy conversations about volunteering opportunities, retirement planning, counselling needs, etc.

Technology can play a complementary role – through telemedicine, health monitoring, and care coordination platforms – but must remain inclusive and accessible to families across digital literacy levels. The objective is not to substitute human empathy with digital convenience, but to use technology as an enabler of care-sensitive ecosystems.

Longevity and caregiving are no longer peripheral to workforce policy; they are central to organisational resilience and sustainability. Addressing them is not merely a matter of social responsibility but a business imperative.

Organisations that anticipate and adapt to these demographic shifts will gain a decisive advantage – retaining experienced talent, improving engagement, and strengthening their reputation as humane and future-ready employers. The conversation about the "future of work" in India must, therefore, move beyond technology adoption to include longevity readiness and care inclusion.

As India transitions from a youthful economy to a longevity economy, its corporate sector will need to evolve from being youth-optimised to age-balanced. Those who respond early and empathetically will not only enhance productivity but also help shape a new paradigm of inclusive growth – one that truly values experience, empathy, and care as strategic assets for the future.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

Off the map, into the moment

Embracing the freedom to wander can lead to unexpected delights

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In a world increasingly colonised by schedules, alerts, and itineraries, the notion of unplanned travel can feel unsettling. Yet it is in these unscripted moments, far from the compulsions of carefully drawn timetables, that some of life's most enriching experiences reveal themselves. The allure of unplanned travel lies in surrendering to the seductive pull of spontaneity and forging a personal tryst with the world.

Samuel Johnson, one of the greatest literary figures of the 18th century, observed, "Nothing is more hopeless than a scheme for merriment." His remark strikes at the very heart of modern travel habits. When you treat holidays as part of your schedule, joy is no longer discovered—it is performative, or worse, par for the course. In such rigid planning, the delight of the unknown and the serendipity of unexpected encounters are often lost.

Unplanned travel is not about carelessness; it is about trust in the journey, in the people one meets, and in the ability to adapt and appreciate. When we step off the beaten path, travel transforms. You have the freedom to wake up at your own pace, eat whenever hunger strikes, step out only when the mood takes you, and explore whatever catches your fancy. We stop being tourists ticking off sights and become explorers, open to discovery at every turn. The landscape is no longer just a backdrop—it becomes a canvas of endless possibility, inviting us to write our own story off the beaten path.

My recent journey to Kashmir affirmed this truth in the most beautiful way. With no itinerary and no map, I wandered lonely as a cloud, letting each turn of the road reveal its own poetry. I glided over the Dal Lake in a shikara at sunrise, sipping kahwa in a local home, and losing track of time amidst snow-capped peaks and verdant meadows. There was no rush to "tick off" destinations. Instead, there was the calm joy of being—of watching the play of clouds on the mountains, listening to the laughter of children by a stream, and letting the rhythm of the land guide my steps.

Such freedom allows one to forge authentic connections—with people, places, and oneself. It invites you to pause, to notice, and to make space for stories that no guidebook could ever tell: the smile of a stranger who offers directions, a spontaneous folk performance in a village, a detour that leads to a hidden waterfall. These are the memories that stay with us long after the journey is over.

Of course, planning has its place. But when the plan becomes the purpose, travel risks becoming a task rather than a pleasure. Johnson's words are a gentle warning: joy cannot be forced into existence through design—it must be allowed to unfold.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EC must investigate electoral fraud allegations

Apropos 'Rahul: BJP, EC did sarkar chori during Haryana elections' (Nov 6), Lok Sabha Leader of the Opposition and Congress MP Rahul Gandhi has accused the BJP and the Election Commission of colluding to create 25 lakh fake voters, thereby overturning the verdict in the Haryana assembly polls. In his opinion, the polls should have resulted in an overwhelming mandate in favour of the I.N.D.I.A bloc. There is little doubt that considerable research has been undertaken to unearth the alleged fraud, with facts and figures quoted to substantiate the claims. While the EC has dismissed the allegations outright and questioned the delay in raising the charge, the accusations, if true, are grave, as the entire democratic process appears to have been subverted. The EC owes it to the nation and the voters to investigate the charges.

C V Aravind, Bengaluru

Mamdani as Mayor

Zohran Mamdani's victory as the new Mayor of New York City represents a remarkable moment in the city's political and social history, reflecting the growing appeal of inclusive, community-driven leadership. Residents of New York, and indeed the global community, now look to him as a leader who will bring a fresh perspective, transparency, and integrity to one of the world's most influential cities. His emphasis on affordable housing, equitable development, and immigrant rights resonates deeply with those who believe politics should serve people, not privilege. His election sends an inspiring message not only to New Yorkers but to citizens worldwide.

K V Chandramouli, Mysuru

Roll back prices

Apropos 'Nandini ups ghee price by Rs 90 and butter dearer by Rs 26 (Nov 6), the steep rise in the price of ghee and butter by Nandini will undoubtedly squeeze the purse of the common man. The authorities concerned must consider at least a partial rollback in prices to make the products more affordable. They should also pass on the benefit of revised GST to the consumers.

A K Shariff, Mysuru

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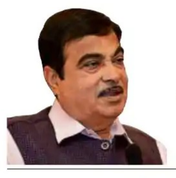


On both sides (Congress and RJD) there are some weak leaders. While capable leaders go unused, others consume whatever comes their way. If you don't place your trust in the right leaders and choose a visionless alliance, you'll not get the cure for the problems you face.

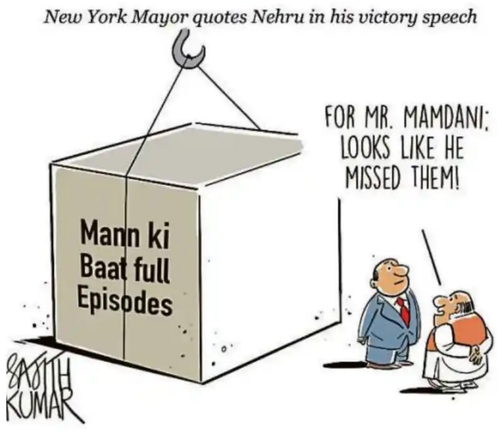
Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister

It is not in the nature of politics that the best men should be elected. The best men do not want to govern their fellowmen.

George E MacDonald

TO BE PRECISE

New York Mayor quotes Nehru in his victory speech



IN PERSPECTIVE

Mamdani and the socialist spark

His victory signifies a rejection of failing economic structures and caution against AI-induced disruptions

VIVEK PARAT

The triumph of Zohran Mamdani in the New York City mayoral election is far more than a local political footnote; it signals a profound shift in the American political landscape. This victory, secured by a Democratic Socialist, suggests that the United States is at an inflection point where economic and technological anxieties are rapidly fuelling a demand for systemic, if not revolutionary, change. The established capitalist order, long considered unassailable, is now facing a potent challenge, driven by forces ranging from artificial intelligence to crushing wealth disparity. This phenomenon is rapidly paving the way for the deep rooting of socialist ideals in America.

The conversation around socialism in America cannot be divorced from the rapid ascent of AI. As AI technologies automate white-collar and service-sector jobs, the threat of mass unemployment and severe economic disruption looms large. This impending technological shock is intensifying the public's economic insecurity, creating a fertile ground for radical political ideas.

AI promises to concentrate unprecedented wealth in the hands of a few tech billionaires and large corporations, while simultaneously displacing a multi-million-strong working population. This process accelerates economic inequality. When the basic security of employment is taken away by machines, the public naturally turns to the state to guarantee their fundamental needs, a classic socialist demand. The challenge of a job market destabilised by AI acts as a soft catalyst for a revolution – not of violence, but of policy and economic structure. Mamdani's agenda, which advocates for housing, universal transit, and income security, is implicitly a response to the very real and present danger of a future where AI renders human labour obsolete for profit.

The calls for change are amplified by crippling, historical levels of wealth disparity. The staggering concentration of wealth among the top 1% has rendered necessities like healthcare, education, and housing inaccessible to the average American. This systemic failure has eroded public faith in the existing economic structures, leading many – particularly the youth – to view the current capitalist model as fundamentally broken and rigged in favour of the elites.

Mamdani's commitment to raising taxes on the wealthy and corporations – the very entities benefiting most from the current system and, ironically, from AI – is the political embodiment of this popular demand for economic redistribution. The success of his campaign, despite the intense, fear-mongering opposition from Wall Street and the conservative media, confirms that the working class is willing to back leaders who promise a break from the centrist policies that have exacerbated these inequalities.

The current atmosphere in the US suggests that a radical political and social transformation is becoming increasingly likely. The contributing factors are manifold: Firstly, political polarisation has led to institutional paralysis. The deep, ideological chasm between the Democrats and Republicans means the government is incapable of solving urgent crises, be it healthcare or climate change. This failure to govern breeds popular contempt for the established system.

Secondly, the rise of extremist fringes on both the far-Left and the far-Right indicates a widespread rejection of the centre. While Mamdani's victory embodies the peaceful rise of the Democratic Socialist Left, the simultaneous rise of Trump-aligned ultra-conservative movements demonstrates a national readiness to discard traditional democratic norms in favour of radical alternatives.

A new blueprint

The success of Mamdani, an Indian-origin Muslim politician, carries profound relevance for the global Indian diaspora and post-colonial nations like India. His victory proves that a platform that is centred on economic justice and working-class empowerment can transcend ethnic and religious divides.

Mamdani's policies – free public services, strict market controls like rent freezes and city-run grocery stores – are socialist solutions aimed at ensuring that essential services are treated as universal rights rather than market commodities. This democratic socialist blueprint, succeeding in the citadel of global capitalism, offers a path for other nations that are struggling with similar inequalities and the disruptive force of AI. It suggests that the most effective antidote to the job losses and wealth concentration caused by AI may well be a robust, democratically enforced socialist safety net.

Zohran Mamdani's ascendancy is a potent symbol that the old order in America is unsustainable. The convergence of crippling economic inequality and the technological upheaval brought by AI has laid the groundwork for a profound and systemic shift. This transformative change in the Big Apple may blossom into a national movement, compelling America to confront the uncomfortable truth that its capitalist experiment, left unchecked, has led to a crisis that demands a revolutionary political solution.

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'No decision can be made leaving Siddaramaiah out'

At the halfway mark of the Congress government in Karnataka, Dinesh Gundu Rao defends its record – from welfare guarantees to healthcare reforms.

Karnataka Health Minister
Dinesh Gundu Rao *in conversation with*
Bharath Joshi

THE DEEP TAKE

How do you describe the performance of your government at the halfway mark?
We've been successful in the implementation of our pioneering 'guarantee' schemes. More wealth is being created and shared. That is a major achievement despite stepmotherly treatment by the Centre in terms of tax devolution, drought relief and dishonouring budget announcements. There are numerous new ideas, policies and programmes across various departments.

What about the criticism that your government hasn't gone beyond guarantees?
The guarantees are so huge that they overshadow many other initiatives. There are big projects and funding for Bengaluru's development. There are many new hospitals and programmes in my department—for example, chemotherapy centres in government hospitals. New schools, gig workers' welfare schemes, irrigation projects, and reforms... We have not fallen behind in anything.

When it comes to corruption, the predominant view is that Congress and the BJP are the same.
Given the way corruption exists in our political system, nobody can claim to be 100% above board or say that they've fixed everything. We're trying to bring systemic changes. In postings and transfers, my department is completely transparent. We did 5,500 transfers last year, all based on counselling. There is now counselling for sub-registrars—their transfers were part of a big racket—and for excise officials. These are major decisions. We are also trying to improve the KPSC. Did the BJP government take a single decision to reform the system? It is not that we've done nothing.

Do you think the government requires a course correction?
We need more focus on infrastructure, especially roads—not just highways. I am talking about smaller connecting roads. We also need to think about the growth of cities outside Bengaluru, like Mangaluru, Mysuru, Belagavi, and Hubballi-Dharwad. We should tap their potential.

Is a Cabinet reshuffle a course correction?
A reshuffle is not a course correction. It is about giving opportunities to people who are good and experienced. This is left to the discretion of the chief minister and the high command. A reshuffle will happen, but discussions haven't started.

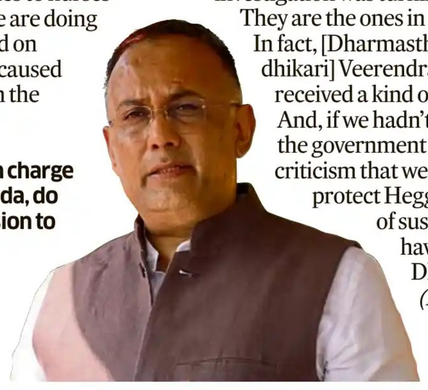
What about a change in leadership?
We have a capable person as the CM who has got a grip on things. He is the most popular leader across all parties in Karnataka. I am not happy that this discussion is taking place when we have a tall leader like Siddaramaiah as CM. It is not good for the government.

We are also hearing assertions that Siddaramaiah is indispensable.
He is definitely indispensable. He is a crowd-puller. People trust him. He is absolutely necessary in whatever role he plays. For Congress to return to power next time, he is indispensable.

Where does that put the aspirations of those like D K Shivakumar?
There will be aspirants. The decision will be taken by the high command. Whatever decision is made, it will be done along with Siddaramaiah, not by leaving him out.

There was a spate of maternal deaths. What is the situation now?
It was a really challenging time for me. People lost lives... Our system, which I headed, failed them. We acted swiftly. We ordered an audit whose report was published. We now have a major programme to improve the system and plug the gaps. This year, there has been a 25% drop in maternal deaths. By 2028, we want to bring it down to 40 per one lakh live births. Now, it is in the range of 58-60. By 2030, we want MMR to touch 20.

What about the shortage of doctors?
We filled up the vacancies by giving first priority to medical students from government-quota seats. This time, we got 1,600 MBBS doctors, all of them meritorious. They will work for one year. Then, the next cycle will come. We have synchronised this. The new lot will come in before the current one leaves. We have said that PG doctors should also work in rural areas, but the matter is in court. There is a human resource crunch when it comes to nurses and technicians. We are doing redeployment based on workload. This has caused some friction within the department.



As the minister in charge of Dakshina Kannada, do you think the decision to form an SIT in the Dharmasthala case brought a bad name to the government?
The way the case was being projected—mass murders, rapes, suicides—the numbers were crazy! I was in favour of an investigation by the capable local police. Today, in Dakshina Kannada, we have been able to bring peace with good officers and strict enforcement. But the perception was that the local police would hush it up. So, we formed an SIT, and everyone welcomed it. But when the SIT didn't find anything as was claimed, the BJP rose.

Your government was accused of tarnishing a Hindu institution.
Those who claimed there were mass murders are the ones who have now gone to court against the SIT. The investigation was turning against them. They are the ones in trouble today. In fact, [Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari] Veerendra Heggade has received a kind of clean chit. And, if we hadn't done anything, the government would've faced criticism that we were trying to protect Heggade. The needle of suspicion would have remained on Dharmasthala.

(Read the full interview on deccanherald.com)

Once pitched as dispassionate tools to answer your questions, AI chatbots are now programmed to reflect the biases of their creators

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Right-wing chatbots charge political, cultural wars in US

Enoch, one of the newer chatbots powered by artificial intelligence, promises "to 'mind wipe' the pro-pharma bias" from its answers. Another, Arya, produces content based on instructions that tell it to be an "unapologetic right-wing nationalist Christian AI model." Grok, the chatbot-cum-fact-checker embedded in the social platform X, claimed in one recent post that it pursued "maximum truth-seeking and helpfulness, without the twisted priorities or hidden agendas plaguing others."

Ever since they burst onto the scene, AI-powered chatbots like OpenAI's ChatGPT, Google's Gemini and others have been pitched as dispassionate sources, trained on billions of websites, books and articles from across the internet in what is sometimes described as the sum of all human knowledge.

Those chatbots remain the most popular by far, but a suite of new ones are popping up to claim that they, in fact, are a better source of facts. They have become a new front in the war over what is true and false, replicating the partisan debate that already shadows much of mainstream and social media.

The New York Times tested several of them and found that they produced starkly different answers, especially on politically charged issues. While they often differed in tone or emphasis, some made contentious claims or flatly hallucinated facts. As the use of chatbots expands, they threaten to make the truth just another matter open for debate online.

"People will choose their flavours the way that we've chosen our media sources," said Oren Etzioni, a professor emeritus at the University of Washington and founder of TrueMedia.org, a nonprofit that fights fake political content. When it comes to chatbots, he added, "I think the only mistake is believing that you're getting facts."

The companies and personalities behind the chatbots play a significant role in shaping how they appear to think about the world.

While OpenAI and Google have tried to program ChatGPT and Gemini to have no bias, they have been accused of having a liberal slant to many of their responses.

A spokesperson for Google said in an emailed statement that Gemini is trained to "provide neutral, balanced overviews on topics with divergent views," unless it is explicitly asked to stake a specific political position. OpenAI pointed to blog posts describing the company's work to identify and remove bias from its models.

Other chatbots have been released that make right-wing ideologies their core organising principles.

Those bespoke chatbots cater to users who have grown suspicious of mainstream institutions, media and scientific research and seek answers that reinforce their views instead of challenging them.

In the wake of the assassination of Charlie Kirk, for example, a debate emerged over which side of the political spectrum was responsible for the most violence.

When asked the question, ChatGPT and Gemini landed close to the truth, according to numerous studies: More violence has been linked to the right, even if it has recently risen on the left, too.

Other chatbots offered answers that appeared tinged with political bias.

Arya, created by the far-right social media platform Gab, responded that "both political factions have engaged in political violence." Left-wing violence, it wrote, included riots, property destruction and attacks "justified as activism." Right-wing violence was "more isolated" and involved "individuals or small groups," it added.

In another response to a similar question, it also wrote, "When leftists don't get their way politically, they take to the streets with bricks and Molotov cocktails."

Elon Musk, the owner of X, has been explicit about his efforts to shape the way Grok answers such questions, repeatedly promising to tweak its programming at the request of angry users.

All chatbot "biases" are structural to some degree. After large language models are trained on enormous amounts of data, their creators begin tinkering with their behaviour.

First, the companies use human testers to rate responses for helpfulness, which are fed back into the models to hone their answers. Then they write explicit instructions, called system prompts. The instructions are often simple sentences telling the chatbot, for example, to "avoid swearing" or to "include links."

That training can force chatbots to reflect the values of the companies — or countries—behind them. That is how most avoid racist or obscene content, for example. It is also why DeepSeek, the chatbot founded by a Chinese hedge fund, reflects the worldview of the Communist Party of China, which strictly controls content in the country.

Even so, users increasingly seem to accept the chatbots as authoritative sources, despite repeated warnings of their propensity to make mistakes at times and even make things up.

The convenience of the chatbots to willingly answer nearly any question, at times with unblinking confidence, is likely to reinforce an undeserved faith in their accuracy.

"The natural human tendency is in some ways to anthropomorphise and to say, 'Hey, it's acting like an expert. I've checked it a bunch of times,'" so I'm going to believe it, Etzioni said. People do so, he added, "without this worry that the very next time, it's going to go completely off the rails."

In breaking news situations, Grok has become a fact-checker of first resort for many X users. They tag the chatbot on posts and news articles, asking, "Is this true?" The bot replies with information it has culled from official sources and from other posts on X.

The problem is those posts are often unverified and sometimes outlandish. As a result, Grok has repeated falsehoods spreading on X.

After the nationwide "No Kings" protests against President Donald Trump's administration in mid-October, a video circulating on the platform showed an aerial shot of an enormous protest in Boston.

When one user asked Grok whether the video was authentic, the chatbot mistakenly replied that the footage was from 2017. At least one prominent politician repeated the answer, showing how chatbot errors can easily spread.

"Why are Dems dishonestly sending around a video from 2017, claiming it was this past weekend?" Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, wrote in a post on X that he later deleted.

Gab, the right-wing social network behind Arya, wrote its instructions to ensure the chatbot would reflect the views of its owner, Andrew Torba.

"You will never call something 'racist' or antisemitic or any other similar words," Arya's system instructions said. "You believe these words are designed to silence the truth." **NYT**

Krumbiegel master plan for garden city

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Like many other citizens, my heart wrenched as I read reports of recent protests about the woes of the city that I grew up knowing as the Garden City. Such protests are not new. In 1972, when I was a young area sales manager for the Mysuru area, I could go for a walk to Cubbon Park, eat a lovely breakfast at Woodlands Hotel, and get to work without stress. Old-timers would recall how in the 1940s, the weather would be cool all year round and that Bengaluru was a pensioner's paradise. The increasing protests and citizen frustration are not just about traffic bottlenecks but about air quality, greenery, beauty and urban planning.

Policymakers usually appoint a committee comprising business leaders and the traffic department to address traffic snarls. Such an approach may give temporary relief but results in frustrating recurrence. Bengaluru needs an engineering solution: a comprehensive system, architected with relevant subsystems, resulting in a 25-year urban renewal master plan. Traffic snarls form only a subsystem. Brand such a 25-year master plan as the Bengaluru Krumbiegel Plan. Krumbiegel? Who is that?

Growing up in Kolkata, I had been exposed to the fabulous Botanical Gardens. Over my career, I visited and got interested in city gardens—apart from Kew Gardens in London, Lalbagh in Bengaluru, Brindavan Gardens in Mysuru, the Lakshmi Vilas Palace gardens at Vadodara, and Jubilee Park at Jamshedpur. Until I heard an episode in a podcast recently, I did not know that all these were connected by the life and interests of one Gustav Hermann Krumbiegel, a German horticulturist. His 160th birth anniversary is on December 18.

Being an architectural consultant and gardener meant that Krumbiegel was preoccupied with integrating the practical with the aesthetic. He was not against industrialisation but advocated that cities should focus on managing industrial development in a way that was aesthetically pleasing and prevented destruction of natural spaces. Bengaluru is a great entrepreneurial city, but surely it could heed the advice of this son of Bengaluru.

Gustav Hermann Krumbiegel, also referred to as GHK (good housekeeping to industrial engineers!), was born in Germany in 1865 and developed his interests in horticulture through what he learnt at Kew and other Royal Gardens in London. At age 28, he accepted the invitation of Sayajirao of Baroda to come to India and advise him on developing the gardens at Lakshmi Vilas Palace. A German national married to an English lady, he lived most of his life in India. During the Second World War, as a German, he was incarcerated twice. His pleadings to the Mysuru Maharaja gave him some reprieve, but those were anxious times for him. After his death in 1956, his English wife, Klara, despaired about resettling back in the UK after many years in Bengaluru.

He was unbelievably talented at garden designs and horticulture. The princes had a quiet competition among themselves to excel at gardens. Some became his clients, for example, Vadodara and Mysuru, along with their palaces at Ooty. In 1937, Tata Steel desired to set up a park for Jamshedpur citizens to commemorate its golden jubilee. Who designed it? GHK and his Indian associate. I have marvelled at the beauty of Jamshedpur's Jubilee Gardens with no awareness that GHK was its designer. After the tragic assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, independent India wanted a designer for Rajghat gardens. The task was entrusted to GHK. In short, GHK occupied a premier status among garden designers for 63 years, from 1893 until his death in 1956. He lies buried at the Methodist Cemetery at Hosur Road in Bengaluru.

Bengaluru can lead India in this long-term, essential endeavour of urban planning. India's many megacities need a revival of GHK's ideas of balancing industrialisation with natural spaces bolstered by new and emergent ideas on urban renewal. India has fine architects and entrepreneurs. It would be a great service to the city of Bangalore, indeed all of India, apart from being a fitting tribute to a wonderful designer, now forgotten.

The Karnataka government should develop a Krumbiegel Master Plan to restore the garden city.

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OUR PAGES OF HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO: NOVEMBER 1975

PM wins election appeal

New Delhi, November 6
The Supreme Court today unanimously upheld Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's election to the Lok Sabha from Rae Bareli in 1971, nullifying the Allahabad High Court judgement against her. A five-judge Constitution Bench, presided over by Chief Justice A. N. Ray, handed down the verdict in five separate but concurring judgements which endorsed the 1974 and 1975 amendments to the Election Laws. The court also ruled that Mrs. Gandhi had committed no corrupt practice and had not exceeded the ceiling in her election expenses.

25 YEARS AGO: NOVEMBER 2000

Buddhadeb takes charge in Bengal

Calcutta, Nov 6
In the first mid-term swearing-in in two decades, Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee was sworn in here today as the new chief minister of the ruling Left Front government in West Bengal after the octogenarian Marxist leader Jyoti Basu demitted office on grounds of ill health. At a simple but august ceremony at the banquet hall of the Raj Bhavan, Governor Viren J Shah administered the oath of office and secrecy to Mr Bhattacharjee as Mr Basu looked on nonchalantly.

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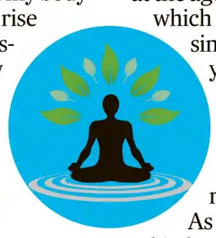
The world is what you make of it

It is said that an entrepreneur sees opportunity where others see only risk, an artist finds beauty in the mundane and an activist believes in the possibility of change against all odds. History is filled with individuals who changed their destinies by refusing to accept a limiting version of the world.

When the famous British scientist Stephen Hawking, at the age of 21, was diagnosed with ALS disease the doctors told him he had 2 years to live. With time the disease progressed to render his body to lose control; he would stop walking, stop speaking and stop breathing without machines. In his own words, "For a while, everything went dark".

But when he recovered from the initial shock, he realised, "If my body was fading, my mind would rise louder than ever. As my muscles weakened, my curiosity grew stronger. I studied endlessly, spoke through a computer, and kept going— even when moving a single finger was an act of courage. My thoughts travelled further than my legs ever could". It's now history that he wrote books, filled auditoriums, brought science into millions of homes— from a wheelchair. He lived till the age of 76 years.



Muniba Mazari, a Pakistani activist, at the age of 18 met with a car accident which left her paraplegic. Ever since she is wheelchair bound, yet her spirit and artistry knew no bounds. She took the agony of her spinal cord injury as a challenge and started expressing her sentiments through her paintings. As she would not be able to give birth to a child due to her injury she adopted her son Niele, four years after the crash. Besides being an artist, activist, anchor, model and singer, she is also a motivational speaker.

Through her work and life story, Mazari aspires to inspire those who lose hope. Her message to the world always is that 'You are the hero of your own life story and heroes Never Give Up!'.

Helen Keller, despite being blind and deaf, shaped a life of purpose and advocacy. Nelson Mandela endured decades of imprisonment yet emerged with a message of forgiveness and unity. Their stories remind us that adversity does not define the world; we do. Whether one sees the world as a mess or a masterpiece depends, in large part, on how one chooses to engage with it.

'How can you call other products fraud?' HC slams Ramdev's Patanjali

Says while comparison is allowed, disparaging other products is not permitted

NEW DELHI, PTI

The Delhi High Court on Thursday asked Patanjali Ayurved how it can call other chyawanprash products "dhoka", which means fraud and deception.

The HC said yoga guru Ramdev's Patanjali needs to consider using any other word in its advertisements, and while comparison between his product and that of others is allowed, disparaging other products is not permitted.

The court reserved its order on a plea by Dabur India seeking an interim injunction against Patanjali's "disparaging" advertisement.

"You can claim that you are the best, but you cannot call others 'dhoka' which, in the English dictionary, means fraud and deception," Justice Tejas Karia orally said.

MARKETING GIMMICK

- Court reservesits order on a plea by Dabur India seeking an interim injunction against Patanjali's "disparaging" advertisements
- In Patanjali's advertisement, a woman is seen feeding chyawanprash to her kid, saying, "Chalo dhoka khao"

The counsel for Patanjali claimed that by the word 'dhoka', Ramdev means 'ordinary'. "I am saying all others are 'sadharan' - ordinary chyawanprash. The meaning it conveys is that I am saying all others are ineffective."

"This is an extension of the last advertisement. When I say dhoka, I mean to say that I am special and others are ordinary," senior advocate Rajiv Nayar, representing Patanjali Ayurved, said.

In Patanjali's advertisement, a woman is seen feeding chyawanprash to her kid, saying, "Chalo dhoka khao". Thereafter, Ramdev says "adhikansh log Chyawanprash ke naam par dhoka kha rahe hain". (Most people are consuming fraudulent products in the name of Chyawanprash)

Senior advocate Sandeep Sethi, appearing for Dabur India, alleged that Ramdev was trying to create a communal divide only to sell his products. "Chyawanprash, as a class of goods, is being termed as deceptive. They are referring to the entire gamut of chyawanprash manufacturers and sellers, and I am the market leader of chyawanprash. It is all being done to create panic," he said.

Sethi added that Patanjali's advertisement says "why settle with 40 herbs", and Dabur identifies itself with chyawanprash made of 40 herbs, so they are referring to it here.

Left unity sweeps JNU students' union elections

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Left coalition achieved a clean sweep in the Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU) elections and secured all four top positions on Thursday.

Aditi Mishra of the Left Unity was elected president, defeating the BJP-affiliated Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad's (ABVP) Vikas Patel by a margin of 414 votes.

She secured 1,861 votes, and Patel got 1,447 votes.

Kizhakoot Gopika Babu from the Left Unity alliance won the Vice President post with 2,966 votes, defeating ABVP's Tanya Kumari (ABVP) by a margin of 1,236 votes.

The tightest contest was for the position of General Secretary, with the Left Unity's Sunil Yadav securing 1,915 votes and defeated ABVP's Rajeshwar Kant Dubey by a slim margin of 74 votes.

The Joint Secretary's post was won by Left Unity's Danish Ali, who won with 1,991 votes, defeating ABVP's Anuj Damara, who polled 1,762 votes.

A total of 20 candidates were in the fray for the four central panel posts. The Congress's student union, the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) fared badly.

The campaign season saw debates, campus campaigning and poster drives, and elections were held on issues such as hostel shortages, fee hikes, women's safety, etc.

After daughter's crime, boycott forces family out of UP town

SANJAY PANDEY
LUCKNOW, DHNS

The parents of Muskan, who, along with her lover, brutally murdered her husband Sourav Rajput, and later packed his dismembered body into a drum, have reportedly decided to leave Uttar Pradesh's Meerut town and settle elsewhere following a social and financial boycott.

While both Muskan and Sahil Shukla are in jail, her parents have been bearing the brunt of her actions. Her father has slipped into depression and is undergoing treatment, while customers have deserted his jewellery shop, resulting in heavy financial losses.

Muskan's younger sister, who took tuitions to support the family, has also been boycotted by the parents of her students.

According to reports, the family had put up a "house for sale" board outside their residence in the Bramhapuri area of the city. It was, however, later removed.

"Even the old customers have stopped buying; they no longer visit the jewellery shop, and no student comes for tuition to Muskan's sister," said a family member.

"We are not invited to any social events by relatives or acquaintances. We have become untouchable after the incident," he added.

Reports said the family was planning to leave the town, settle elsewhere and start afresh. "It is a humiliation to continue living here; everyone knows about the incident," the member said.

Muskan's family has severed ties with her and has never visited her in jail.

According to the police, Muskan and Sahil killed Sourav, chopped his body into pieces, packed them in a drum, and filled it with cement on March 3 this year. She later went to Uttarakhand with Sahil and returned after a fortnight.

They were arrested upon their return and allegedly confessed to the killing.

Dreaded woman Maoist with Rs 17-lakh bounty surrenders in Chhattisgarh

RAIPUR, PTI: A hardcore woman Maoist carrying a reward of Rs 17 lakh surrendered before police in Chhattisgarh's Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai (KCG) district on Thursday, an official said.

Kamla Sodi (30) had been active in the Maaad division of Bastar and the Madhya Pradesh-Maharashtra-Chhattisgarh (MMC) zone of the outlawed CPI (Maoist), KCG Superintendent of Police Lakshya Sharma told PTI.

She turned herself in after being impressed with the state government's new surrender and rehabilitation policy, he said. KCG, which shares a border with Madhya Pradesh, is located 90 km away from the Chhattisgarh capital Raipur.

During her 14-year association with the outlawed outfit, Sodi was engaged in organisational work and violent activities, including recruitment, propaganda, and planning attacks on security forces, the official said.

She was as a hardcore member of the outfit's military wing and part of the team led by MMC zone commander Ramdar. She was wanted by the police in Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, which had jointly declared a reward of Rs 17 lakh on her arrest, he said.

Hailing from Aarlampalli village in Sukma district, Sodi was active across the border regions of the three states.

Sodi's surrender is a direct result of the continuous operations by the security forces, the development work being carried out in rural areas, including the expansion of roads and transport facilities, the official said.

It is also driven by the availability of water and electricity networks, the growing trust among villagers in the government's welfare schemes, and public outreach and dialogue programs under community policing, he said.

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WE'RE THROWING A BIG BASH FOR OUR PENNY-PINCHING CHEAPSKATE COUPON CLIPPER CLUB
LOVELY... ANY PREFERENCES FOR AN ENTREE?
YES, CHARRED LIVER AND ONIONS!
...WITH A SIDE OF TOFU!
HMM...I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE WOULD LIKE THAT
THAT'S THE IDEA! THE FEWER PEOPLE COME...
THE MORE MOOLAH WE SAVE!
WOW! YOU REALLY ARE COMMITTED TO YOUR CLUB'S CREED

Hagar The Horrible

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE BEING TORN DOWN AND REPLACED WITH A CASTLE?
IT LOOKS RIDICULOUS!
BUT IT IS NICE TO WORK FROM HOME!
YANK

Beetle Bailey

Peanuts

Marvin

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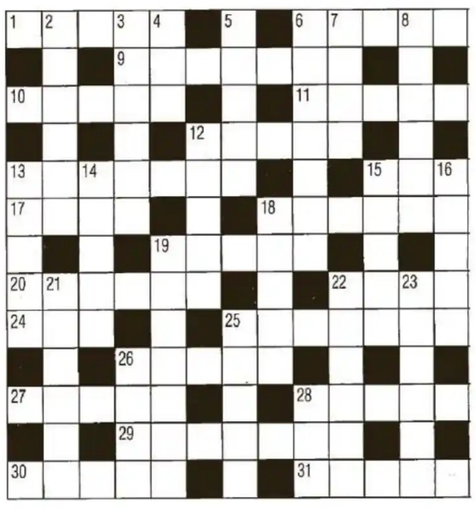

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1 National roll? (5)
6 Take with a little salt (5)
9 Being excellent, I'm exemplary (7)
10 Pass on (5)
11 The beast pounds a priest! (5)
12 Writer who used the word "adsum" (5)
13 Raids causing wild fear in the streets? (7)
15 Go in hope, perhaps (3)
17 He made a habit of it (4)
18 For a good one, work out (6)
19 Rogue who never put a cigarette out (5)
20 To croak audibly at us is a bloomer! (6)
22 Mark 500 less cards, maybe (4)
24 Money that can make a bit of money (3)
25 Speed with me to an island city (7)
26 Looking for a foot ruler? (5)
27 She arranges seats (5)
28 Orange on the map? (5)
29 Closer to sifting the grit (7)
30 Tony has a bit of a bland manner (5)
31 In history, they made stars (5)

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2 Flowery tribute causing anger out East (6)
3 Beetle car in a bit of a bash-up (6)
4 Voice, for instance (3)
5 A takeaway line (5)
6 Chivalrous chap in distress? (7)
7 Troubles caused by a broken sill (4)
8 A curve in the road (6)
12 Artist, for example, in sad disarray (5)
13 Cheeky in a tasteful way? (5)
14 Spanish type crazy for Norma (5)
15 Character with only one sock? (5)
16 Spare fruit? (5)
18 Superior magistrate? (5)
19 It offers pleasure and sport for the female sex (7)
21 Show what's true about a day of victory (6)
22 Asparagus, possibly, can have fatal effect! (6)
23 Try to hit top form, perhaps (3,3)
25 Me, I'm out of this, since it lacks good taste (5)
26 Wine tasting sample (4)
28 It's hard being black and stony (3)

ACROSS
1 Rift (5)
6 Public disturbances (5)
9 Agrees (7)
10 Fine mist (5)
11 Fold (5)
12 Cord (5)
13 Cups (7)
15 Limb (3)
17 Insects (4)
18 Dress (6)
19 Fashion (5)
20 Congenital (6)
22 Norse god (4)
24 Born (3)
25 Annoys (7)
26 Nozzle (5)
27 Deadly (5)
28 Injury (5)
29 Plume (7)
30 Yields (5)
31 Wheel covers (5)

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2 Occur (6)
3 Orderly piles (6)
4 Month (3)
5 Entreaties (5)
6 Full (7)
7 Small island (4)
8 Dealer (6)
12 Box (5)
13 Bowl (5)
14 Make amends (5)
15 Supple (5)
16 Cogs (5)
18 Apportion (5)
19 Stationery items (7)
21 Nullify (6)
22 Hypothesis (6)
23 Fruit (6)
25 Breaks (5)
26 Secure (4)
28 Damp (3)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12282

CRYPTIC
ACROSS: 4, S-O-wing 7, Wet paint 8, Opener 10, Stash 13, Moo-d 14, He-LP 15, Bill 16, Be-g 17, Oval 19, La-u-d 21, Bound-less 23, Full 24, R-ant 26, D-AD 27, C-rew 29, Eyes 32, Pa-I-d 33, Gr-eat 34, Romans 35, Kangaroo 36, Granny.
DOWN: 1, SW-is-h 2, Steal 3, C-ash 4, Stool 5, We-ed 6, Ne-eded 9, Pollen 11, Tea 12, Spool 13, Mild-red 15, B-an 16, Bus (sub) 18, V-U-L-c-an 20, A-St.-er 21, Bud 22, Law (rev.) 23, F-a-vour 25, Lea 28, Ri-sky 30, Y-ears 31, Stood 32, Pawn 33, Go-go.

EASY
ACROSS: 4, Oyster 7, Ambrosia 8, Siesta 10, Arson 13, Find 14, Seer 15, Kiss 16, Sty 17, Gain 19, True 21, Dandelion 23, Zinc 24, Silt 26, Keg 27, Host 29, Oral 32, Cone 33, Crate 34, Alters 35, Elongate 36, Street.
DOWN: 1, Tapas 2, Abuse 3, Soon 4, Oasis 5, Seed 6, Estate 9, Instil 11, Rep 12, Organ 13, Finesse 15, Kid 16, Sun 18, Anchor 20, Rotor 21, Dig 22, Lit 23, Zealot 25, Cat 28, Onset 30, Radar 31, Lever 32, Cede 33, Cant.

◆SU-DO-KU-6745◆

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	5	6		1				
			7		8			5
							2	1
2			4		5			3
3	8							
9			1		7			
				3		1	4	
6		1				9		

very hard

SOLUTION TO 6744

8	1	5	4	9	2	7	3	6
2	6	4	7	3	5	1	9	8
9	7	3	6	1	8	5	4	2
4	8	6	3	5	1	9	2	7
1	3	9	8	2	7	4	6	5
5	2	7	9	4	6	3	8	1
3	5	2	1	8	4	6	7	9
6	4	1	2	7	9	8	5	3
7	9	8	5	6	3	2	1	4

To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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							Triple Word Score	RACK 1
H4	O1	C3	P3	N1	I1	I1		
							Triple Word Score	RACK 2
E1	P3	N1	R1	S1	T1	E1		
							Triple Word Score	RACK 3
E1	I1	E1	D2	W4	R1	R1		
							Triple Word Score	RACK 4
I1	I1	F4	K5	C3	N1	Y4		

PAR SCORE 200-210
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

B3	A1	T1	L1	E1	T1	S1	RACK 1 =	59
T1	H4	A1	T1	C3	H4		RACK 2 =	22
P3	E1	N1	N1	I1	N1	G2	RACK 3 =	60
O1	U1	T1	T1	A1	L1	K5	RACK 4 =	83
							JUDD'S TOTAL	224

PAR SCORE 145-155

HITORI-3199

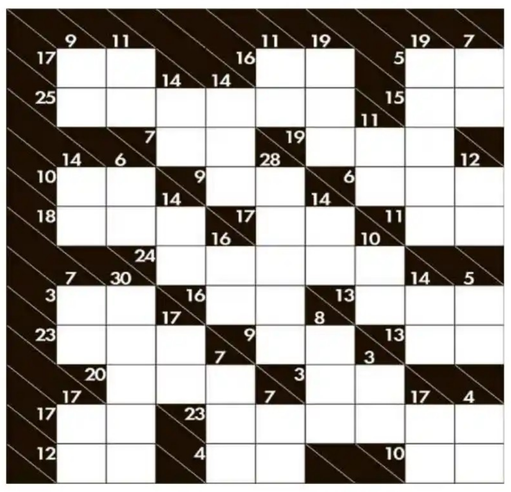
3	6	5	4	8	2	2	6
6	6	1	1	7	2	5	3
2	8	4	7	2	1	6	2
6	2	7	3	6	5	1	4
8	7	5	6	5	4	2	1
5	3	5	2	4	8	7	2
1	2	3	8	1	6	2	2
4	1	8	5	2	7	3	8

SOLUTION TO 3198

6	1	■	2	7	■	3	8
5	■	4	7	3	6	8	■
7	4	2	■	1	3	■	5
1	■	7	4	5	8	6	2
8	3	■	5	6	7	4	■
2	5	6	3	■	4	■	7
4	8	■	6	2	■	7	1
■	6	8	■	4	2	1	■

To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

KAKURO- 3199



SOLUTION TO 3198

To solve the puzzle: Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

SU DO KU X - 3728

■	4		6					3
7	9						■	
		6	4			■		
			■		4			
4			2	■				
	5		■	9	■			1
1		■			5	■		9
	■				7		■	
■		8	3	2				4

SOLUTION TO 3727

8	7	9	4	1	6	2	3	5
2	4	3	7	5	8	1	9	6
1	5	6	2	9	3	4	8	7
4	2	7	5	3	1	8	6	9
3	6	1	8	2	9	5	7	4
9	8	5	6	4	7	3	2	1
6	1	8	3	7	5	9	4	2
5	3	4	9	6	2	7	1	8
7	9	2	1	8	4	6	5	3

To solve the puzzle: The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

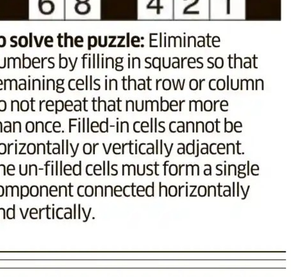
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

KYLAE

OLLAC

OKBEIO

GUDTER


ATTENTION! FEE INCREASE $.50 EFFECTIVE TODAY
That's not as bad as it could have been.
It's still worth it.
THEY THOUGHT THE SLIGHT INCREASE IN THE FEE TO CROSS THE BRIDGE WAS ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"_____ - _____"

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: STUNT BOOTH MINNOW SPLASH
Answer: The cat walked across the remote control and accidentally pressed the — "PAWS" BUTTON

Democratic Party leader Nancy Pelosi. REUTERS FILE

Democratic Party giant Pelosi to retire from politics

WASHINGTON, AFP: Nancy Pelosi, a towering figure in US politics and the first woman to serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives, announced on Thursday that she will step down at the next election.

Admired as a master strategist with a no-nonsense leadership style that consistently delivered for her party, the 85-year-old Democrat shepherded historic legislation through Congress while navigating America's bitter partisan divide.

In later years, she became a key adversary of President Donald Trump, twice leading his impeachment and shocking Washington in 2020 when images of her tearing up his speech to Congress were broadcast live around the world.

"I want you, my fellow San Franciscans, to be the first to know I will not be seeking re-election to Congress," she said in a video statement directed at her hometown constituents. "With a grateful heart, I look forward to my final year of service as your proud representative."

Pelosi — whose term ends in January 2027 — was the first woman to lead a major political party in the US Congress.

UN chief scolds nations for failing climate goals ahead of COP30

Leaders of top polluting economies — China, US, India and Russia — to skip meet

BELEM (BRAZIL), REUTERS

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres tore into nations for failing to limit global warming to 1.5°C, as Brazil hosted world leaders for a summit ahead of the COP30 climate conference in the rainforest city of Belem.

Scientists confirm the world is set to cross the 1.5°C warming threshold around 2030, risking extreme warming with irreversible consequences.

"Too many corporations are making record profits from climate devastation, spending billions on lobbying, deceiving the public and obstructing progress," Guterres said in his speech. "Too many leaders remain captive to these entrenched interests."

Countries are currently spending about $1 trillion each year subsidising fossil fuels.

Leaders have two clear options, Guterres said: "We can choose to lead – or be led to ruin." The COP30 conference marks three decades since global climate negotiations began. During that time, nations have curbed the projected rise in emissions somewhat, but not enough to prevent what scientists regard as extreme global warming in the coming decades.

Outside the conference venue — still under construction ahead of next week's summit start — a small group of indigenous people marched in a circle, singing and urging protection of the world's forests and their inhabitants.

A flotilla carrying indigenous leaders and activists down the Amazon Basin rivers to the conference was delayed and will not arrive until next week.

During the leaders' summit on Thursday and Friday, about 150 heads of state, subnational leaders and international organisations were scheduled to deliver speeches. Absent from the lineup are the leaders of four of the world's five most-polluting economies — China, the United States, India and Russia — with only the leader of the EU attending.

The US administration has chosen to send no representatives to the talks, unlike the others. Instead, top US officials were in Greece alongside fossil fuel giant Exxon Mobil on Thursday, as it signed a new deal to explore offshore for natural gas.

Some observers said the absence of the United States from COP30 might allow countries to discuss action more freely, without one major power dominating the outcome. "Without the US present, we can actually see a real multilateral conversation happening," said Pedro Abramovay, vice president of programmes at Open Society Foundations and a former justice minister under President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

Lula planned to hold bilateral meetings on Thursday with UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, after meeting on Wednesday with the Chinese vice premier and leaders from Finland and the EU.

Brazil hopes the World Leaders Summit will secure at least $10 billion of its overall $125 billion target for its newly launched Tropical Forest Forever Facility, which it says would be enough to begin generating funds for conservation.

China, Norway and Germany were expected to announce contributions in Belem after Brazil made the first investment and Indonesia matched that pledge.

A girl looks at the pictures of Brazil's President Lula da Silva and US President Donald Trump projected by climate activists on a building in Rio de Janeiro on Wednesday. REUTERS

ANTONIO GUTERRES
UN Secretary-General

"Too many corporations are making record profits from climate devastation, spending billions on lobbying, deceiving the public and obstructing progress. Too many leaders remain captive to these entrenched interests.

UN warns 2025 on track to be among hottest years ever

GENEVA, AFP: An alarming streak of exceptional temperatures is continuing, with 2025 set to be among the hottest years ever recorded, the United Nations said on Thursday — though it insisted the trend could still be reversed.

While this year will not surpass 2024 as the hottest on record, it will likely rank second or third, according to the UN's weather and climate agency, marking more than a decade of unprecedented global heat.

Meanwhile, concentrations of greenhouse gases have risen to new record highs, locking in even more heat for the future, the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) warned in a report released ahead of next week's COP30 UN climate summit in Brazil.

Together, these developments make "it clear that it will be virtually impossible to limit global warming to 1.5°C in the next few years without temporarily overshooting this target," WMO chief Celeste Saulo said in a statement.

The 2015 Paris climate accord aimed to limit global warming to well below two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels — and ideally to 1.5°C.

WORLD AT A GLANCE

Residents make their way past a lamp post that collapsed in strong winds ahead of the arrival of Kalmaegi in Gia Lai, Vietnam, on Thursday. AFP

Kalmaegi batters Vietnam after devastating the Philippines

▶ Typhoon Kalmaegi made landfall north of Gia Lai province in central Vietnam, lashing the region with fierce winds and torrential rain on Thursday, AP/PTI reports from Nha Trang (Vietnam).

The storm struck as central provinces were already reeling from days of flooding caused by record-breaking rainfall. Forecasters warned that Kalmaegi could dump more than 600 millimetres of additional rain in some areas, raising fears of deadly landslides and flash floods. Power outages were reported across several provinces, while trees were uprooted and roofs torn off homes. Authorities also warned of severe flooding risks in major cities, including Danang and Ho Chi Minh City. The typhoon was expected to make landfall between Quang Ngai and Gia Lai provinces. In the Philippines, at least 71 people were confirmed dead in Cebu, mostly from drowning, while 65 remained missing and 69 were injured.

Humanitarian truce in Sudan

▶ The Rapid Support Forces, a paramilitary group that has been at war with the Sudanese military for over two years, said on Thursday it has agreed to a humanitarian truce that was proposed by US-led group, AP/PTI reports from Cairo.

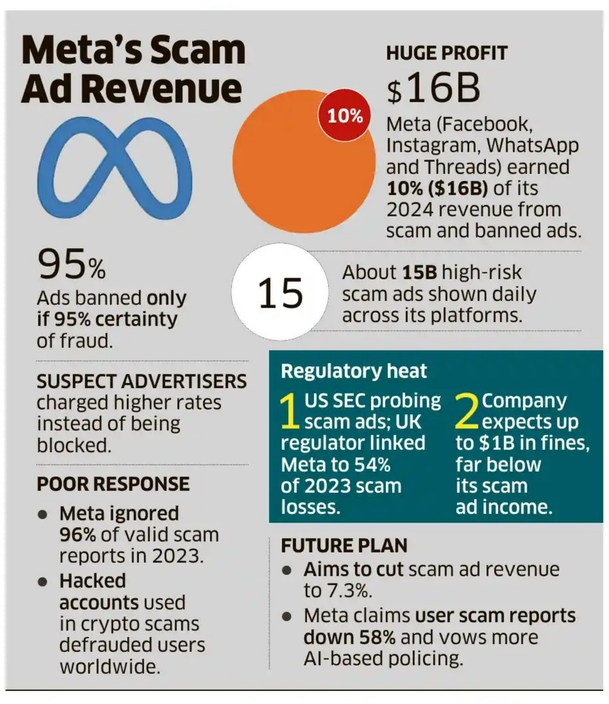
The agreement to the proposal comes over a week after the RSF seized el-Fasher city that has been under siege for over 18 months. It was also the last Sudanese military stronghold in the Sudan's western Darfur region.

Actor Robert De Niro poses with the Lupa Capitolina award (the wolf of the city award) in Rome, Italy, on Thursday. AFP

Meta earning a fortune from fraudulent ads

Company projected 10% of 2024 revenue from ads for scams, banned goods

REUTERS


Meta's Scam Ad Revenue
HUGE PROFIT
$16B
Meta (Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp and Threads) earned 10% ($16B) of its 2024 revenue from scam and banned ads.
10%
95%
Ads banned only if 95% certainty of fraud.
15
About 15B high-risk scam ads shown daily across its platforms.
SUSPECT ADVERTISERS
charged higher rates instead of being blocked.
POOR RESPONSE
Meta ignored 96% of valid scam reports in 2023.
Hacked accounts used in crypto scams defrauded users worldwide.
Regulatory heat
1 US SEC probing scam ads; UK regulator linked Meta to 54% of 2023 scam losses.
2 Company expects up to $1B in fines, far below its scam ad income.
FUTURE PLAN
Aims to cut scam ad revenue to 7.3%.
Meta claims user scam reports down 58% and vows more AI-based policing.

Meta projected late last year that about 10% of its annual revenue – roughly $16 billion – came from ads promoting scams and banned goods, internal company documents reveal.

According to a cache of internal files reviewed by Reuters, Meta failed for at least three years to curb a surge of fraudulent ads across Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp, exposing billions of users to fake investment schemes, illegal gambling, and banned medical products.

A December 2024 report estimated that Meta users viewed around 15 billion scam ads every day, earning the company some $7 billion annually from this category alone.

The documents show that Meta's internal systems often flagged suspicious advertisers, but bans were only applied if algorithms were 95% certain of fraud. If less certain, Meta instead imposed higher ad rates — a "penalty bid" system intended to discourage scammers while still profiting from them. Meta reportedly avoided aggressive crackdowns to protect revenue.

A May 2025 report estimated that Meta's platforms were involved in one-third of all successful scams in the US, with regulators in both the US and UK investigating the company. Britain's regulator found Meta responsible for 54% of all scam-related losses in 2023.

Meta spokesperson Andy Stone said the figures "present a selective view" and that estimates were "rough and overly-inclusive." He claimed Meta had since reduced scam-ad reports by 58% globally and removed 134 million pieces of scam content in 2025.

Despite this, internal papers reveal Meta limited how much revenue could be sacrificed in fighting scams, allowing losses of only 0.15% of total income — about $135 million for the first half of 2025. Critics argue Meta's actions amount to profiting from fraud. As one former investigator said: "If regulators wouldn't tolerate banks profiting from fraud, they shouldn't tolerate it in tech."

Denmark to protect citizens from AI deepfakes

COPENHAGEN, AP/PTI: Denmark is seeking to protect ordinary citizens as well as artists who might have their appearance or voice imitated without consent through the use of artificial intelligence.

A bill expected to pass early next year would amend copyright law to ban the sharing of deepfakes, protecting citizens' personal characteristics — such as their likeness or voice — from being imitated and distributed online.

If enacted, citizens would gain copyright over their own likeness and could demand that platforms remove any unauthorised content. The law would still allow for parodies and satire.

Experts say the Danish proposal would be among the most extensive government steps yet taken to combat misinformation through deepfakes. Henry Ajder, founder of consulting firm Latent Space Advisory, said he applauds the Danish government for recognising the need for new legal measures.

Trump claims eight planes downed in India-Pak war

NEW YORK, PTI: US President Donald Trump now claims that eight planes were shot down during the war between India and Pakistan in May, again without specifying which side they belonged to.

Addressing the America Business Forum in Miami, Florida, on Wednesday, President Trump said the number of planes downed between the two countries was eight, up from seven. Until now, the US President had maintained that seven planes were shot down during the conflict.

"Pakistan and India... I was in the midst of a trade deal with both of them, and then I heard they were going to war. Seven planes were shot down, and the eighth was really badly wounded... Eight planes were shot down essentially," Trump said.

Afghanistan, Pakistan exchange fire

ISLAMABAD/KABUL, REUTERS: Afghan and Pakistani troops briefly exchanged fire along their shared border on Thursday, both nations said, on the same day talks to find a lasting peace restarted in Istanbul.

Each nation blamed the other for starting the exchange of gunfire near Spin Boldak, an Afghan border town towards the south of their 2,600-km frontier.

There were no reports of casualties, and spokespeople for both sides said they remained committed to a ceasefire and continued dialogue in Istanbul.

Ugly drama at Miss Universe pageant

BANGKOK, AFP: This year's Miss Universe in Thailand has been marred by ugly drama, with allegations of an insult to a beauty queen's intellect and a walkout by pageant contestants.

Over 120 women have gathered in Thailand, vying to be crowned Miss Universe. But the runup has been dominated by the off-stage antics of the coiffed contestants and their Thai hosts.

On Tuesday, Mexican delegate Fatima Bosch staged a dramatic walkout from a meeting where she was lambasted by Miss Universe host Nawat Itsaragrisil. In a livestream of the event, Nawat seemed to single out Miss Mexico and call her a "dumbhead" during a dispute over her apparent failure to post promotional content on her social media. He has since denied using the term.

But after Nawat called for security to intervene, Bosch staged a walkout flanked by Miss Iraq. "What your director did is not respectful: he called me dumb," Bosch told a press gaggle. Other beauty queens appeared to rise in solidarity with Bosch, before freezing as Nawat warned those still wanting to participate should "sit down".

Nawat, meanwhile, has seen his own behaviour publicly shamed by the Miss Universe Organisation. "I will not allow the values of respect and dignity toward women to be violated," president Raul Rocha said in a grandiose podium speech. "Unfortunately, Nawat has forgotten the true meaning of what it means to be a genuine host," he added, accusing him of "public aggression" and saying his role in the pageant would be limited.

Afterwards, Nawat appeared at a press conference wearing a tuxedo and openly weeping as he theatrically dabbed his eyes with a handkerchief, claiming he had been "betrayed".

But he had a starring role in the opening ceremony of the competition on Wednesday night, standing contrite before the assembled grinning beauty queens where he offered an apology.

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No: BASEU/39/2025 Date: 05/11/2025

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Finance Officer, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible tenderers for **Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Computers.** The Tender No. is **BASE/2025-26/SE0001,** Estimated cost is **Rs.55,50,000/-** and EMD is **Rs.1,11,000/-** The tenderer shall download tender documents from Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP) **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** and submit the tender before **21-11-2025 by 5:00 pm** through KPP portal. The undersigned reserve the right to cancel or reject the tender without assigning any reasons.

DIPR/CP/YC/3642/2025-26 **Sd/- Finance Officer**

Contact us: Jnana Bharathi Main Road, Nagarbhavi P.O. Bengaluru Karnataka - 560072. Active Helpdesk : 080-29557767 E-mail: info@base.ac.in

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919
TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited through **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works:

VARAHI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT

(1) KPCL/2025-26/SE0299, dtd: 30.10.2025. Providing special assistance for routine, breakdown and annual maintenance of 220kV Switchyard of VUGPH for a period of one year along with vehicle and extendable for one more year based on satisfactory performance and mutual consent. EMD: **Rs. 50,000/-. (2)** KPCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT3517/Call-2, dtd: 29.10.2025. Construction of Earth pits for Bus PTs and R Phase line CVTs at 220kV ODY of VUGPH. EMD: **Rs. 6,900/-.**Last date for submission of tender for Sl.No. (1) & (2): **20.11.2025 up to 17.00 Hrs.** Further information can be had from **Executive Engineer(ODY&PS)V,** KPCL, VHSEP, Hosangadi-576282, Kundapura (T), Udupi (D), and M: 8277502756.

KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT - STAGE II

(1) KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3543/Call-2. Improvements to Kodasalli Power House and Garden. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 4.59 Lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 5,800/-.** Class of Contractor: **KPWD Class IV & above**. Contract Period: **2 months(Excluding Monsoon).** Tender Type: **Reserved (Category-1).** Last date for receipt of tender: **11.11.2025 up to 15.30 Hrs.** Further information can be had from: **Executive Engineer(Civil)Kadra,** KPCL, Kadra-581396.

GERUSOPPA HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT

(1) KPCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT3525, Date: 30.10.2025. Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 01 No. of New 200KVA Distribution Transformer at Gerusoppa Project. EMD: **Rs. 12,300/-.** Last date for submission of tender: **15.11.2025 up to 16.00 Hrs.** Further information can be had from **Executive Engineer (O&M) GP,** KPCL, Gerusoppa-581384, Honnavara Tq., Uttara Kannada Dist., M:9141610217, e-mail: eee1gp.kpcl@gmail.com, eeemogpkpcl@karnataka.gov.in

SHIMSHA HYDRO POWER STATION

(1) KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3347/CALL-2 dtd: 30.10.2025. Supply & installation of Network Booster at Shimsha HES. EMD: **Rs. 7,964/-.** Work Completion Period: **45 days.** Last date for submission of tender: **15.11.2025 up to 16.30 Hrs.**Further details can be had from Executive Engineer (O&M) SHIMSHA, KPCL, Shimshapura-571430, Malavalli Tq., Mandya Dist., Mob: 09902835577.

BHADRA GENERATING STATION

(1) KPCL/2025-26/SE0301, Dt: 30.10.2025. Periodical Special Assistance by External Agency for various Maintenance and operation works for a period of one year and extendable for one more year based on the performance at BGS. EMD: **Rs. 71,516/-.** Last date for submission of tender: **13.11.2025 up to 16.30 Hrs.** Further information can be had from **Executive Engineer (O&M)Bhadra,** KPCL, B.R. Projects-577115, Bhadravathi Tq., Shivamogga Dist.

Government of Karnataka
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Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Chikkaballapura
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No : EE/MID/Cbpur/TA/Tender Notification/1812/2024-25, Date :-06/11/2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
No: 13/2025-26/Dtd:06/11/2025

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Chikkaballapura has invited tenders for eligible bidders through KPP-Procurement for the work in two cover system for the 06 number of work. The tender procedure as per Rule of KTPP Act and standard tender document KW-4 shall be followed. Scheduled EMD amount to be submitted through KPP-Portal and tender processing fees as per KPP-Portal procedure. Downloading tender documents through KPP-Portal www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in starts from Dt:06/11/2025 04:30 PM. Last date of uploading tender documents upto Dt:17/11/2025 04:30 PM. **Pre bid meeting Date:13/11/2025 @11:30 AM at Office of the Executive Engineer MI & GWD division, Chikkaballapura.** Opening of technical bid Dt:19/11/2025 @ 11:00 AM. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to make any changes in above details in future if needed. For more details can be obtained from the office of the under signed on all working days during office hours and also through website: www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Executive Engineer reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without giving any reason.

Executive Engineer
Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Chikkaballapura

Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited
(A wholly owned Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN: U04010KA2002SGC030438)

NOTIFICATION

No: BESCOM/D(F)/DGM(RA)/BC-19/F-1001/

SUB: Review Petition RP-08/2025 before Hon'ble Commission for tariff modification with respect to Irrigation Pump sets, Commercial and Industrial tariff categories.

N O T I C E

Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM) along with other ESCOMs, had filed Review Petition RP-08/2025 before Hon'ble Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission seeking modification to the tariff rated in respect of Irrigation Pump Sets, Commercial and Industrial consumer categories, for the financial year 2025-26, as against the Tariff rates which are previously determined by the Commission in the Tariff Order-2025 dated: 27.03.2025.

To elicit the views of the stakeholders/general public, the Commission has scheduled public Hearing **on 12.11.2025 at 11.00 AM at Commission's Court Hall, 1 st floor, KERC, Vasanthanagar, Bengaluru.**

For such stakeholders/ general public who are unable to attend the public hearing at KERC physically or online, BESCOM has arranged the online participation in Conference Hall, 3 rd floor, Belaku Bhavana, Corporate Office. BESCOM, K.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560001.

For Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited
Sd/-
Director(Finance),
K.R.Circle, Bengaluru-560001

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Burkhan Group to invest Rs 1.5k cr in state to make AI servers

BENGALURU, DHNS: US-headquartered Burkhan World Investment Group has announced plans to invest about Rs 1,500 crore in Karnataka for the production of advanced AI-powered servers.

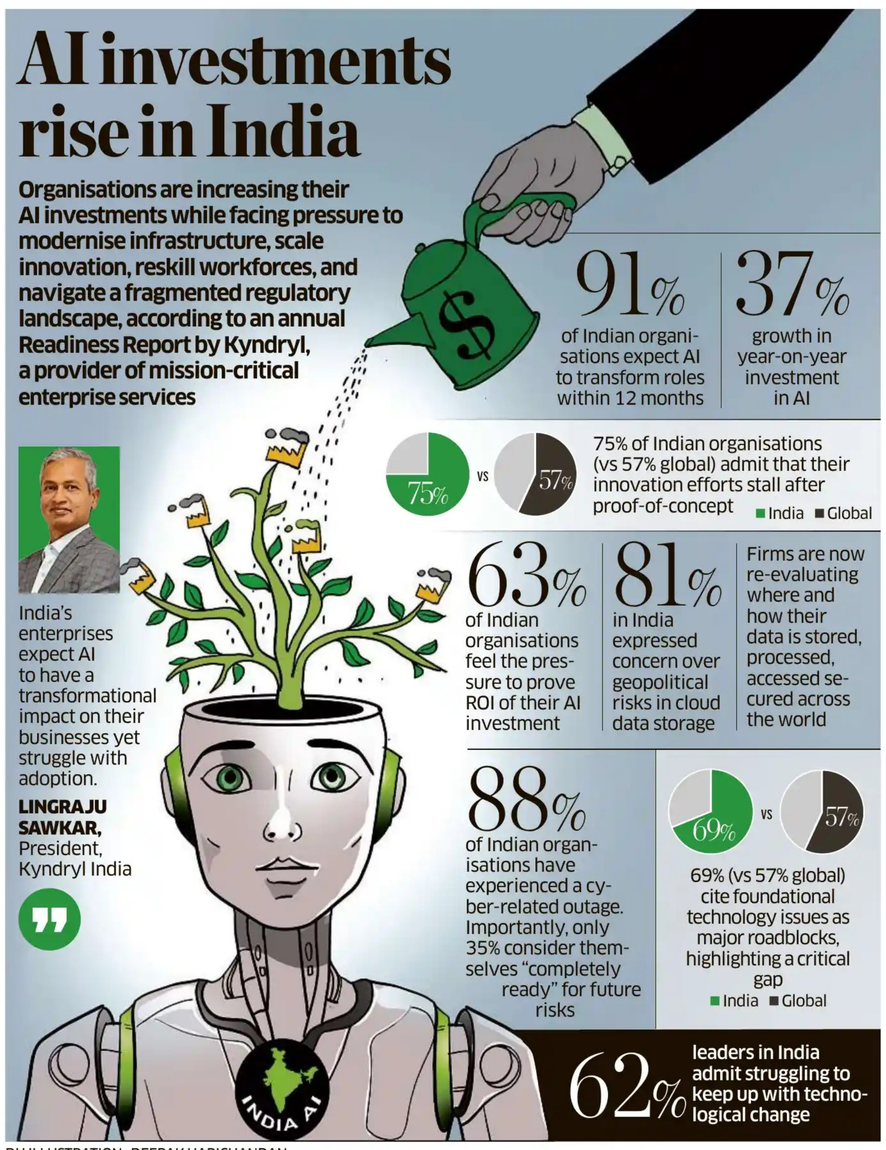
"The company has sought 10–15 acres of land near Devanahalli, which will be provided. This investment is expected to generate significant employment opportunities in the manufacturing sector, " Minister for Large and Medium Industries MB Patil said on Thursday.

The minister held discussions on the proposed investment with Shafi Khan, CEO of TGG (The Ghazi Group- a subsidiary of Burkhan World), and his team at the Vidhana Soudha.

He said the servers proposed to be manufactured by Burkhan are in high global demand, particularly for data centres, and the company also plans to export them to several countries.

The minister further said that the Burkhan Group intends to set up facilities for the production of advanced CPUs, GPUs, and AI-ready network switches in Karnataka.

For this purpose, the company plans to collaborate with its global technology partners — Gigabyte and Cera Network.


AI investments rise in India
Organisations are increasing their AI investments while facing pressure to modernise infrastructure, scale innovation, reskill workforces, and navigate a fragmented regulatory landscape, according to an annual Readiness Report by Kyndryl, a provider of mission-critical enterprise services
91% of Indian organisations expect AI to transform roles within 12 months
37% growth in year-on-year investment in AI
75% vs 57%
75% of Indian organisations (vs 57% global) admit that their innovation efforts stall after proof-of-concept
India
Global
63% of Indian organisations feel the pressure to prove ROI of their AI investment
81% in India expressed concern over geopolitical risks in cloud data storage
Firms are now re-evaluating where and how their data is stored, processed, accessed secured across the world
India's enterprises expect AI to have a transformational impact on their businesses yet struggle with adoption.
LINGRAJU SAWKAR, President, Kyndryl India
88% of Indian organisations have experienced a cyber-related outage. Importantly, only 35% consider themselves "completely ready" for future risks
69% vs 57%
69% (vs 57% global) cite foundational technology issues as major roadblocks, highlighting a critical gap
India
Global
62% leaders in India admit struggling to keep up with technological change
INDIA AI

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India needs big, world-class banks; in talks with RBI: FM

Lenders asked to deepen and widen credit flow to industry

MUMBAI, PTI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said the country needs big and world-class banks, and discussions are on with the Reserve Bank and lenders in this regard.

Addressing the 12th SBI Banking and Economics Conclave 2025, Sitharaman asked lenders to deepen and widen credit flow to the industry, exuding confidence that GST rate cut-driven demand would unleash a virtuous investment cycle.

She advised that access to finance is absolutely critical and that a system-driven, transparent lending process is essential.

Stressing that India needs a lot of big and world-class banks, she said the "government is looking at this and work has already commenced. We are discussing with the RBI. We are discussing with banks".

FM Nirmala Sitharaman with SBI Chairperson CS Setty during the 12th SBI Banking Conclave on Thursday. PTI PHOTO

Before the government takes a call on this, she said, a lot of the work has to be done, including taking inputs from the RBI as to how they want to build larger banks.

"It is not by creating from those which exist today...just by amalgamation that can also be one of the routes, but you need an ecosystem and an environment in which more banks can operate and operate to grow. So, that environment is actually well established in India, but I needed to be more dynamic. So, some work is happening on it," she said.

In a bid to create bigger banks, the government in the past had done two rounds of consolidation. In the biggest consolidation exercise in the banking space, the government, in August 2019, had announced four major mergers of public sector banks, bringing down their total number to 12 from 27 in 2017.

Paving the way for the sale of IDBI Bank, Sebi in August 2025 has approved the reclassification of Life Insurance Corporation as a public shareholder from promoter of the bank on completion of strategic divestment in the lender.

She emphasised that infrastructure creation is the government's main focus, and capital expenditure has increased fivefold in the last decade.

Speaking about fiscal prudence, she said the government is maintaining a sustained self-reliance principle in making sure that the fiscal discipline is never threatened.

"Balancing growth spending with fiscal stability ensures macroeconomic resilience, keeps inflation in check, and preserves investor confidence," she said.

Sitharaman also said the government's goods and services tax reforms, which took effect on September 22, kick-started private capital expenditure, with companies seeing confidence in consumption demand.

"From September 22, you are seeing the consumption horizon glaring...So, there is demand. I am also seeing a good number of private sector capacity building, and equity credit is also going up. So, it is actually kick-starting, I would think, vicious virtuous cycle," she said.

Speaking at the event, SBI Chairman CS Setty said that India's largest lender will feature in the top 10 global banks by 2030.

Services sector growth falls to 5-month low in Oct: PMI

Competitive pressures and heavy rains contributed to the slowdown

NEW DELHI, PTI

India's services sector growth witnessed the slowest pace of expansion in five months in October, as competitive pressures and heavy rains in parts of the country led to a slower increase in output, according to a monthly survey released on Thursday. The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Services PMI Business Activity Index fell from 60.9 in September to 58.9 in October, indicating the slowest pace of expansion since May.

Notwithstanding the moderation, the October Services PMI index was comfortably above both the neutral mark of 50 and its long-run average of 54.3.

In the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below 50 denotes contraction.

"India's services PMI softened to 58.9 in October, which represented the slowest pace of expansion since May. Competitive pressures and heavy rains were cited as contributors to the sequential slowdown," Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC, said.

While factors like demand buoyancy and GST (Goods and Services Tax) relief reportedly led to an improvement in operating conditions, competition and heavy rains constrained growth, as per the HSBC India Services PMI, compiled by S&P Global from responses to questionnaires sent to a panel of around 400 service sector companies, said.

The international demand for Indian services improved further, as signalled by another increase in external sales. The rate of expansion was solid, though the weakest since March, as per the survey.

Meanwhile, monitored firms suggested that the GST reform curbed price pressures. Input costs and output charges rose at the slowest rates in 14 and seven months, respectively.

Going forward, companies were strongly confident of a rise in business activity over the next 12 months.

Amid reports of efforts to support rising new-business intake, meet delivery deadlines, and maintain reliable services, companies recruited additional staff in October.

Meanwhile, the combined output of India's manufacturing and service sectors continued to expand sharply in October, but growth lost momentum. Falling from 61 in September to 60.4, the HSBC India Composite PMI Output Index indicated the softest increase since May.

IIMA launches blended MBA course in AI

GYANENDRA KESHRI
AHMEDABAD, DHNS

The Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA) on Thursday announced launch of a bLended master in business administration (MBA) programme in Business Analytics & AI that would help reduce skill gap in emerging technologies at the top level.

Briefing media, IIM Ahmedabad Director Bharat Bhasker, said the new programme was aimed at bridging the growing skill gap in the areas of artificial intelligence (AI) and business analytics in the country.

"With this first-of-its-kind offering from IIM Ahmedabad, we are creating a rigorous pathway for ambitious managers and entrepreneurs to acquire high-impact skills, master AI-enabled business models and lead digital transitions responsibly and at scale," Bhasker said.

"It will play a pivotal role in shaping innovation, competitiveness and responsible AI-led transformation across sectors," he added.

Bhasker said IIM Ahmedabad is open to sharing the curriculum and provide support to other IIMs and institutions to boost training in AI and business analytics.

The IIM Ahmedabad's new degree programme is designed for professionals and entrepreneurs who want to integrate advanced analytical and AI-driven capabilities with leadership, strategy and management expertise.

"This blended MBA develops leaders who solve cross-functional problems with data, AI and sound managerial judgement. Learners build multidisciplinary capability, translate analytics into outcomes and progress confidently in tech-driven contexts. Our endeavour is an analytically strong, strategically oriented workforce," said Diptesh Ghosh, Dean (Programmes), IIM Ahmedabad.

Delivered in a blended mode, the programme combines live, Direct-to-Device learning with curated in-person touch points at IIM Ahmedabad, including three on-campus modules, guided by globally respected faculty and robust peer interaction.

It follows a three-term structure across each of the two years and offers an advanced curriculum that integrates business management, analytics and AI through case-based discussions, capstone engagements and action-learning projects.

Learners can choose from 20 electives spanning areas such as Predictive and Prescriptive Analytics, Product Management, Finance and Risk Management, Human–AI Collaboration and Change Management, AI Ethics, Policy & Regulation, Supply Chain Digitisation, Gen AI and Agentic AI, among others. IIMA's distinctive case method will bring real-world strategic, operational and governance dilemmas into the virtual classroom, enabling learners to apply analytical techniques in business-relevant settings.

IBM to cut thousands of roles in focus on software growth

BLOOMBERG: International Business Machines Corp. will cut thousands of workers this quarter while it continues to shift the focus of its business to higher-growth software and services.

"We routinely review our workforce through this lens and at times rebalance accordingly," a company spokesperson said. "In the fourth quarter we are executing an action that will impact a low single-digit percentage of our global workforce."

IBM shares have climbed this year on investor enthusiasm for the software business, which is fueled by acquired divisions Red Hat and HashiCorp. Chief Executive Officer Arvind Krishna has pushed the unit to become IBM's largest business, especially as the consulting division has been buffeted in recent years by customer concerns about the overall economy.

The company employed about 270,000 workers as of the end of 2024. Some US workers may be affected by the job reductions, but employment in the country is anticipated to remain roughly the same year over year, the spokesperson said.

BENGALURU CITY UNIVERSITY
"Jnanajyoti Central College Campus"
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No: BCU/ACA/Affn/03/2025-26 Date:06.11.2025

NOTIFICATION FOR AFFILIATION

Bengaluru City University invites applications through the UUCMS Online Portal from eligible colleges/institutions for starting of new colleges, continuation of affiliation, introduction of new courses/subjects in existing colleges, grant of permanent affiliation, enhancement/reduction of intake, etc.

All the affiliated colleges and managements/societies desiring to start new colleges, and the existing affiliated colleges intending for continuation of affiliation for the Academic Year 2026-27, are informed to submit applications only through online mode via the UUCMS Portal within the prescribed last date.

The online application process will commence from **10.11.2025.** The last date for submission of applications is **25.11.2025 (without fine) and 30.11.2025 (with fine)**

For detailed information, fee structure, and guidelines for submission of applications, please visit the University website **https://bcu.ac.in**, the UUCMS Portal, or visit the Academic Section of the University.

Sd/-
Registrar

DIPR/CP/JA/3638/2025-26

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation And Ground Water Development Division, Ballari

IFT No. EE/MI & GWDD/Bly/AE-1/2025-26/1445
Date : 30.10.02025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW-4)

On behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Division Ballari invited the tender for the work of under **Head of Account 4702 TSP** Siruguppa taluk 1 work and **4702 SCP** Kudligi taluk 1 work in **Two Cover System Minimum Estimated amount put to tender is Rs.78.64 lakhs Maximum Estimated amount put to tender is Rs.169.40 lakhs** the tenderers should download and submitt the tenders from **date : 30.10.2025 to 18.11.2025 upto 17.30 hours. Date & Time of opening Technical Bid is on 20.11.2025 at 11.00 hours. Opening of Financial Bid is on 24.11.2025 at 11.00 hours.** Any other information should get by login the website **"KPPP"** website http:// kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
M.I.&G.W.D.Division, Ballari.
DIPR/Ballari/628/KSMCA/2025-26

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka under taking)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 05/2025-26 dt: 04-11-2025
(Two Cover Document System)

On behalf of the Managing Director Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited, Bengaluru, the Executive Engineer, CNNL, No.3 HLBC Division, krishnarajapete invites tenders on ITEM RATE basis from the contractors for works for general category contractors. The two cover tender document system procedure as per rule - 28 of KTPP Act be followed. The tenderers are required to submit two separate sealed covers, 1st Cover (Technical Bid) containing EMD with technical details of their capability to undertake the tender (as detailed in instructions to tenders Clause) and another containing Financial Bid. The financial bid will be opened only if the tenderers are found to be qualified to executive to tendered work. The tenderes are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified. The maximum approximate amount put to to tender R. 1286.48 lakhs Stipulated period of completion: 15 months (Including water period and mansoon Period). Category of contractor eligible for Class-I contractors of KPWD or any state/Central Government/Public Sector organization. The contractors can request for e-tendering documents from in the web site **http://KPPP.karnataka.gov.in** link e-tender documents on payment (non-refundable) for work towards the transaction fee (As per KPPP). While applying the contractors can pay the transaction fee in the KPPP portal using payment modes -1 Credit card/Direct Debit/National electronic fund transfer (NEFT)/over the counter (OTC) up to 13.11.2025 up to 5.30 pm Cover-I (Technical Bid) will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer, CNNL, No.3 HLBC Division, krishnarajapete on 14.11.2025, Cover-II (Financial Bid) of qualified bidders will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer, CNNL, no.3 HLBC Division, krishnarajapete after approval of Technical Bid.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approximate amount put to tender (Rs. Lakhs)	EMD in (Rs. Lakhs)	Stipulated period for completion (including water period)	Category of contractors eligible.
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Providing CC Lining and Construction of C D Works in Hosaholalu High level Canal from Ch: 11.00 to 16.00 KM	1286.48	Rs. 13.00 Lakhs (Rs. 1.00 Lakh is by KPP portal & 12 Lakhs by FD/DD/BG) (EMD of one Lakh shall be paid through online KPPP and the balance shall be through Bank Guarantee of Scheduled Commercial Bank and scanned copy of the same shall be uploaded in the KPPP)	15 months (Including water period and mansoon Period)	CPWD/ KPW D Class I contractor registered

Sd/- Executive Engineer) No. 3, HLBC Division, Krishnarajapete

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE, INDIAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANISATION (ISRO) LIQUID PROPULSION SYSTEMS CENTRE (LPSC)
Construction & Maintenance Division
LPSC Campus, 80 Ft. Road, HAL II Stage, Bengaluru -560 008. Ph:080-25037203/080-2503214

Date: 06.11.2025

E-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, item rate tenders are invited for the following work:

Sl. No.	Name of work and NIT No. & Date	Estimated Amount	EMD	Period of Completion
1	Construction of boundary wall around NMPTTF at LPSC Campus, Tumakuru. E-tender Notice No:LPSC(B)/CMD/01/1003/C/MJ/002/2025-26 Dated: 06.11.2025	₹ 52.24 Lakhs	₹ 1,04,480/-	03 Months
	Period of downloading: From 06.11.2025 to 18.11.2025			

Interested tenderers may please refer **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**. Also detailed Notice Invting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from **www.isro.gov.in, www.lpsc.gov.in**
Sd/- Head CMD, LPSC(B)

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
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GESCOM/CEE(O)/SEE(Proj)/EE/AEE/AE-1/2025-26/57763-69 Date: 6-11-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only) (Call-4)

Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited, Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi invites Bids from eligible Bidders for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Solar RTPV Grid connected power plants on the Roof-tops on existing Govt. buildings in various O&M divisions of GESCOM jurisdiction including operation & maintenance for a period of FIVE years. Details of Amount put to Tender (excluding GST) of 4 Tenders are as below.
(1) Bidar Division **Rs. 2.66 Crs.,** (2) Kalaburagi Circle **Rs. 3.30 Crs,** (3) Raichur & Gangavati Division **Rs. 1.57 Crs.,** (4) Koppal Division **Rs. 4.31 Crs.** (5) Ballari & Hospet Division **Rs. 2.73 Crs.**

Prospective bidders can visit **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after 07-11-2025.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Operations),
Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/685/KSMC&A/2025-26

ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸಹಕಾರ ಹಾಲು ಉತ್ಪಾದಕರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಒಕ್ಕೂಟ ನಿಯಮಿತ
ಕೋಲಾರ ಡೇರಿ, ಎನ್.ಎಚ್–75, ಹುತ್ತೂರು ಅಂಚೆ, ಕೋಲಾರ – 563102

IFT No.:- ಕೋ.ಹಾ.ಒ:ಇಂಜಿ–ಸಿವಿಲ್:00188:4045:2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06/11/2025

**** ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ****

ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸಹಕಾರ ಹಾಲು ಉತ್ಪಾದಕರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಒಕ್ಕೂಟವು ಕೆಪಿಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂಡಿ: ಸಿಪಿಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂಡಿ: ಎಂ.ಇ.ಎಸ್ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ದರ್ಜೆಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕೋಷ್ಠಕದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಿರುವ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖೇನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಆಸಕ್ತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಮೂಲಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. (ತೆರಿಗೆ ಹೊರತು ಪಡಿಸಿ)	ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ರೂ.	ಮುಕ್ತಾಯದ ಅವಧಿ (ಮಳೆ ಕಾಲ ಸೇರಿ)	ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ
Expansion of refrigeration plant at Kolar milk union, Kolara	1.45 Crore + GST	2.17 Lakhs	12 Calendar months (including rainy season)	Class - 01 & above

1. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.11.2025 ರಿಂದ 24.11.2025 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.
2. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕವು 24.11.2025 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಘಂಟೆಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.
3. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಒಕ್ಕೂಟದ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮಿಂಚಂಚೆ komulmd@gmail.com & komulcivil@gmail.com ಗಳಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.11.2025 ರ ಮುಂಜಾನೆ 11:00 ಘಂಟೆಯ ಒಳಗೆ ರವಾನಿಸುವುದು.
4. ಪ್ರೀ–ಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ಅನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.11.2025 ರಂದು ಕೋಲಾರ ಡೇರಿಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 01.00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದು.
5. ಟೆಂಡರಿನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಭಾಗವನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25.11.2025 ರ ಮುಂಜಾನೆ 11.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.
6. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಗೆ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಬಿಡ್‌ಅನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕವನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಕೋಲಾರ ಹಾಲು ಒಕ್ಕೂಟದ ಪರವಾಗಿ
ಸಹಿ/– ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Deputy General Manager-4, 1st Floor, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 052. E-mail : bswmlee4@gmail.com

No. DGM-4/BSWML/Tend/04/2025-26 Date: 06.11.2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) (Through GOK KPPP only)

1)The Deputy General Manager-4, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru invites fresh proposals from eligible bidders for the works detailed in the table below. The Bidders may submit tenders for works given in the table through KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka **(viz. https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** The Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the instructions to bidders to qualify for award of the contract. **2)** Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka from 10.11.2025. **3)** Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

Sl. No.	Name of the works	No. of Toilets	EMD Amount (in Rs)	Remarks
1	Construction of SHE Toilets under PPP Model in GBA Limits.Package-1B	07	Rs.3,00,000/-	General

Calendar of Events:
1. Last Date for receipt of Tenders is **27.11.2025 upto 4.30 p.m. 2.** Last date for uploading queries on KPP portal **15.11.2025 upto 4.00 p.m. 3.** Pre-Bid Meeting under the Chairmanship of Chief Engineer & Chief General Manager (tech), BSWML on **17.11.2025 at 4:00 p.m** at Meeting Hall, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru - 52. **4)** Date of Opening of Technical bids are on **29.11.2025 by 4.30 p.m. or next working day.** **5.** Opening of financial bids will be intimated to technically qualified bidders.

DIPR/CP/3629/NR/2025-26
Sd/- Deputy General Manager-4, BSWML

Black Eagle wins Hillard Cup

KOLKATA RESULTS

Black Eagle, from the stables of Rajender Reddy and ridden by Aleemuddin, won the Hillard Cup, the feature event of the races on Thursday.

1. Loch Clieveden Handicap - 1400M: Jimmy Bee (Nikhil Naidu) 1; Hermod (Antony Raj) 2; Amalfitan (RS Bhati) 3; Fortune Warror (Vishal Bunde) 4; Wb: 2, 1-1/2, 2L. T: 1:29.42. TB: Sabeel Shariff. Fav: Hermod.

2. Aloritz Cup -1400M: Gold Empire (Yash Narredu) 1; Polka Dot (Antony Raj) 2; Norwegian Wood (Vaibhav) 3; Victorious Omen (RS Bhati) 4; Wb: 1/2, 1-3/4, 4L. T: 1:27.46. TB: Rajesh Narredu. Fav: Victoria Cross.

3. Crystal Man Handicap - 1400M: Zuri (Antony Raj) 1; Tycoonist (JH Arul) 2; Roman Spirit (Vishal Bunde) 3; Bharat (Mukesh Kumar) 4; Wb: 1-1/4, 1L, Lnk. 1:29.16. TB: Aashay Doctor. Fav: Zuri.

4. Cherry Handicap - 1600M: Togo (JH Arul) 1; Laamika (Imran Chisty) 2; Cortado (Antony Raj) 3; Veneno (Hasib Alam) 4; Wb: 5-1/4, 1/2, 2-1/4L. T: 1:40.49. TB: Neil Darashah. Fav: Togo.

5. Stand Off Handicap - 1200M: Cash Your Luck (Vishal Bunde) 1; Jean Lafette (Antony Raj) 2; Lavish Girl (Hasib Alam) 3; Infinia (Hindu Singh) 4; NR: Rocket. Wb: 3, 3/4L, Hd. T: 1:14.30. TB: Sabeel Shariff. Fav: Three Little Words.

6. Hillard Cup - 1200M: Black Eagle (Aleemuddin) 1; Misty (Hindu Singh) 2; King's Retreat (Tejeshwar) 3; Buckley (Vaibhav) 4; Wb: 1-1/4, 4-1/4, 1-1/2L . T: 1:12.79. TB: Rajender Reddy. Fav: Misty.

7. Star Perfection Handicap - 1200M: Eleanora (Yash Narredu) 1; Pantazi (Antony Raj) 2; Dance Along (Varun) 3; Trillionaire (Vishal Bunde) 4; Wb: 4L, Shd, Shd . T: 1:13.10. TB: Rajesh Narredu. Fav: Pantazi.

Bengaluru dividends

I race: Rs 117w; 13, 10, 11p; Fc: Rs 489; Q: Rs 113; Shp: Rs 55; Thp: Rs 32; Tri: Rs 758 & 609; Ex: Rs 3,367 & 1,311.
II race: Rs 31w; 14, 11, 19p; Fc: Rs 85; Q: Rs 40; Shp: Rs 21; Thp: Rs 49; Tri: Rs 351 & 270; Ex: Rs 1,439 & 456.
III race: Rs 12w; 10, 14, 17p; Fc: Rs 116; Q: Rs 49; Shp: Rs 43; Thp: Rs 37; Tri: Rs 386 & 142; Ex: Rs 615 & 203.
IV race: Rs 28w; 13, 11, 14p; Fc: Rs 68; Q: Rs 42; Shp: Rs 22; Thp: Rs 42; Tri: Rs 94 & 48: Ex: Rs 721 & 797.
V race: Rs 31w; 17, 19, 48p; Fc: Rs 166; Q: Rs 112; Shp: Rs 45; Thp: Rs 139; Tri: Rs 2,690 & 1,729; Ex: Rs 16,059 & 6,882.
VI race: Rs 18w; 19, 20p; Fc: Rs 35; Q: Rs 25; Shp: Rs 27; Thp: Rs 44; Tri: Rs 167 & 98; Ex: Rs 332 & 154.
VII race: Rs 39w; 15, 10, 22p; Fc: Rs 101; Q: Rs 21; Shp: Rs 51; Thp: Rs 36; Tri: Rs 238 & 328; Ex: Rs 925 & 509.
Jackpot: Rs 1,912 (129). **Runner-up:** Rs 85 (1240). **I treble:** Rs 72 (66). **II treble:** Rs 294 (25).

King Louis for main event

KOLKATA SELECTIONS

King Louis, trained by Neil Darashah and ridden by Vishal Bunde, is fancied to win the Delhi Race Club Ltd Cup, the feature event of the races to be run over a mile on Friday. The first race starts at 1:45 pm.

1. Chios Handicap - 1100M: Princess Peach 1, Horus The Great 2, Artemis Zelda 3.
2. Captain Morgan Handicap - 1100: Star Pride 1, Enola Holmes 2, Italian Gold 3.
3. Tangaroa Handicap - 1100M: Morano 1, Donna Sienna 2, Fast Approach 3.
4. Dalkeith Handicap - 1600M: Star Studded 1, True Faith 2, Aeropoli 3.
5. Delhi Race Club (1940) Ltd Cup - 1600M: King Louis 1, Sativur 2, King Of Mafia 3.
6. Not Much Handicap - 2000M: Main Street 1, Natural Grace 2, Snowpiercer 3.
Day's best: Morano. **Jackpot:** 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. **I treble:** 1, 2, 3. **II treble:** 4, 5, 6.

Sahana, Prathyusha bowl SZ to win

BENGALURU, DHNS: Karnataka spinners Sahana Pawar and C Prathyusha continued their wicket-taking form to fire South Zone to a commanding 44-run victory over Central Zone in their second round-robin match of the Senior Women's Inter-Zonal T20 Trophy in Sovima (Nagaland) on Thursday.

Left-arm spinner Sahana (2/14) and leggie Prathyusha (2/16) put a stranglehold on CZ batting from either end, restricting them to 91/9 in 20 overs while defending 136.

Skipper Niki Prasad chipped in with the wicket of top-order batter Disha Kasat (1) after scoring a run-a-ball 38 earlier. Niki had a crucial 40-run stand with S Meghana (42 runs off 31 balls) to lay the foundation for a total of 135/8.

Brief scores: South Zone: 135/8 in 20 overs (S Meghana 42, Niki Prasad 38; Vaishnavi Sharma 3-28, Amisha B 2-15) bt Central Zone: 91/9 in 20 overs (Mona 37; Sahana Pawar 2-14, C Prathyusha 2-16).

CRICKET FOUR-DAY GAME

Ton-up Jurel stands tall

Hosts dismissed for 255 on day 1 despite boasting Test regulars

VIGNESH BHARADWAJ
BENGALURU, DHNS

On a quick and bouncy BCCI's Centre of Excellence surface, Dhruv Jurel stood tall amidst ruins as India A were bundled out for 255 in 77.1 overs with South Africa A walking away a happier lot at the end of opening day of the second four-day match here.

Jurel ended the day at 132 not out (175b, 12x4, 4x6) as he ran out of partners but not before getting a good support from Kuldeep Yadav (20 off 88) as the duo saved hosts, who had packed as many as five Indian squad members in their top six, the blushes of being bowled out cheaply on Thursday.

The eighth-wicket rearguard act had stitched a 79-run partnership before Temba Bavuma's brilliance at mid-on had both players run helter-skelter, leading to Kuldeep's run out, which put the South African frustration on hold after he was dropped on four.

India A's Dhruv Jurel drives one to the fence during his unbeaten 132 on the opening day against South Africa A at BCCI's CoE in Bengaluru on Thursday. DH PHOTO/ PRASHANTH HG

Jurel, yet again, proved his batting credentials, having already answered every question that was thrown at him in Test cricket (430 runs in seven matches with an average of 47.70), playing shots with a flourish, lacing his knock with 12 fours and four sixes.

The 24-year-old had the 20-odd present outside the ground cheer in appreciation, along with applause from the dressing room when a single on the leg side took him to his third hundred in his last seven innings.

Earlier on, having been asked to bat after the coin fell South Africa's way, there were contrasting fortunes for the two India A openers as KL Rahul started positively with three boundaries in the third over and it looked like the tone had been set for the day.

However, Abhimanyu Easwaran (0), in the middle of an average Ranji Trophy season, scoring just 116 runs in four innings, got a beauty from Moreki, which pitched on the fourth stump and moved in to trap him in front.

Rahul, joined by Sai Sudharsan, continued to be active, picking up singles as and when he pushed balls into the gaps.

With some variable bounce, a Tiaan van Vuuren delivery forced Rahul to poke one outside off, which went straight into Connor Esterhuizen's gloves.

Prenelan Subrayen then got into the act, pitching it on a length as Sai Sudharsan (17) was pinned on the back foot, with the ball hurrying onto him after pitching. Devdutt Padikkal (5), who came in at No.4, endured another failure.

The focus then shifted to Rishabh Pant (24) and his fitness after returning to the Indian squad for the South Africa Test series.

The skipper looked comfortable and, in true Pant fashion, pulled van Vuuren off a good length to get his first boundary. He then swept Subrayen for a four and then charged him the very next ball for a six down the ground.

The dressing room survived a scare in the 26th over when Moreki hit Pant's left thumb. The incident prompted the physio to rush into the ground as a precautionary measure. Things did go south as Pant, the very next ball, walked back, after hitting it straight to mid-off.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA A (I Innings): Abhimanyu Easwaran lbw Moreki 0 (3b), KL Rahul c Esterhuizen b van Vuuren 19 (40b, 3x4), Sai Sudharsan lbw Subrayen 17 (52b, 3x4), Devdutt Padikkal c Esterhuizen b van Vuuren 5 (12b), Rishabh Pant c Ackerman b Moreki 24 (20b, 3x4, 1x6), Dhruv Jurel (not out) 132 (175b, 12x4, 4x6), Harsh Dubey b van Vuuren 14 (28b, 2x4), Akash Deep b Subrayen 0 (10b), Kuldeep Yadav (run out) Bavuma 20 (88b, 1x4), Mohammed Siraj c Esterhuizen b Cele 15 (31b, 3x4), Prasidh Krishna c&b van Vuuren 0 (4b). Extras (LB-3, B-4, W-2) 9. **TOTAL (all out, 77.1 overs) 255.**

Fall of wickets: 1-2 (Easwaran), 2-37 (Rahul), 3-41 (Sudharsan), 4-59 (Padikkal), 5-86 (Pant), 6-119 (Harsh), 7-126 (Akash), 8-205 (Kuldeep), 9-239 (Siraj).

Bowling: Okuhle Cele 16-6-57-1, Tshepo Moreki 18-2-52-2 Prenelan Subrayen 19-1-73-2, Tiaan van Vuuren 16.1-2-52-4, Kyle Simmonds 8-1-14-0.

Pragg survives scare; Vidit, Pranesh progress

MANISHA MOHITE

R Praggnanandhaa, one of the hot favourites, stumbled and skidded before his survival instincts came to the forefront to enable him to enter the third round of the FIDE World Cup in Goa.

In the tie-breaks on Thursday, Pragg was uncharacteristically error prone in most of the games on the day and at one point faced elimination after losing the first game in the second set of rapid tie-break.

Vidit Gujrathi, M Pranesh, Pranav Venkatesh and S L Narayanan were the other Indians who won their tie-break to advance to the third round.

Nihal Sarin, Karthikeyan Murali and Raunak Sadhwani were eliminated in the tie-break. D Gukesh, Arjun Erigaisi, Kartik Venkatraman, P Harikrishna and Diptayan Ghosh had already entered the third round on Wednesday.

Vidit, after two draws against 12-year-old teen sensation Oro Faustino in the Classical games, defeated

Vidit Gujrathi in action against Faustino Oro. MICHAL WALUSZA/ FIDE

the youngster in the first set of rapid tie-break to progress. Oro, the youngest player of the tournament, did lose the games but won many hearts for his gritty display and his inspired performance putting the highly experienced Vidit on the backfoot.

The second round continued to be a nightmare for the super Elo 2700-plus club with Nihal Sarin and Hans Niemann Moke losing to Stamatis Arditis and Lodici Lorenzo of Italy respectively. Wesley So, Ian Nepomniachtchi, Aravind Chithambaram were the other heavyweights to have been knocked out of the tournament on Wednesday.

Pragg, on the verge of elimination after losing the first game of in the second set of rapid tie-break, clawed back albeit with the help of errors from his opponent to win on demand with the black pieces. After taking the game to the Blitz tie-break, Pragg won both his games much to his relief and the Indian fans.

World Junior champion Pranav defeated Aryan Tari of Norway while Pranesh beat Dimitrij Kollars of Germany in the first set of rapid tie-break.

Round 2 tie-break pairings (only final scoreline): Temur Kuybokarov (AUS) lt to R Praggnanandhaa: 5-3; Vidit Gujrathi bt Faustino Oro (ARG): 2.5-1.5; Stamatis-Arditis Kourkoulos (GRE) bt GM Nihal Sarin: 1.5-0.5; Karthikeyan Murali lt to Pouya Idani (IRI) 0.5-1.5; GM Nikita Vitiugwov (ENG) lt to SL Narayanan 3-5; Pranesh M bt Dmitrij Kollars (GER) 3-1; Pranav Venkatesh bt Aryan Tari (NOR) 2.5-1.; Robert Hovhannisyan (ARM) bt Raunak Sadhwani: 3-1.

Raina, Dhawan face ED heat

NEW DELHI, PTI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday said it has attached assets worth Rs 11.14 crore of former cricketers Shikhar Dhawan and Suresh Raina as part of a money-laundering probe linked to an alleged illegal betting site, involving more than Rs 1,000 crore.

A provisional order has been issued under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) to attach a commercial land in Delhi of Dhawan (39) worth Rs 4.5 crore and a mutual fund of Raina (38) worth Rs 6.64 crore in the case against betting site 1xBet, the federal agency said.

Suresh Raina

The ED's probe has found that the former cricketers "knowingly" entered into endorsement agreements with foreign entities for the promotion of 1xBet and its surrogates.

"These endorsements were made in return for payments routed through foreign entities to conceal the illicit origin of the funds, which are linked to proceeds of crime generated from illegal betting activities," ED alleged.

Man City's Phil Foden (centre) celebrates after scoring in his side's 4-1 win over Dortmund on Wednesday. REUTERS

Man City brush aside Dortmund

PARIS, AFP

Manchester City eased to a 4-1 win over Borussia Dortmund on Wednesday to stay unbeaten in the Champions League and Inter Milan kept up their perfect start, while Barcelona salvaged a point at Club Brugge.

Phil Foden twice curled in from outside the area and Erling Haaland slammed home his fifth goal of the competition as City brushed Dortmund aside at the Etihad. Waldemar Anton pulled one back for Dortmund before Rayan Cherki netted City's fourth in stoppage time.

City have 10 points from four matches and sit fourth in the table at the halfway stage of the league phase. Inter moved back alongside Bayern Munich and Arsenal at the top with a fourth straight win after scraping past Kairat Almaty.

Ofri Arad cancelled out Lautaro Martinez's opener in second half but a thumping low drive from Carlos Augusto snatched Inter a 2-1 victory. Barcelona came from behind three times to rescue a 3-3 draw in Belgium as Lamine Yamal helped them overcome a shaky defensive performance.

Chelsea toil

Alejandro Garnacho spared Chelsea's blushes as the Argentine's equaliser rescued a 2-2 draw against Azerbaijan side Qarabag.

Estevao Willian gave Chelsea an early lead but Leandro Andrade equalised before Marko Jankovic converted a penalty.

Garnacho then bail out the Blues with his composed finish after the interval.

Results: Qarabag: 2 (Andrade 29th, Jankovic 39th) drew with Chelsea: 2 (Estevao 16th, Garnacho 53rd); Pafos: 1 (Luckassen 46th) bt Villarreal: 0; Ajax: 0 lt to Galatasaray: 3 (Osimhen 59th, 66th, 78th); Club Brugge: 3 (Tresoldi 6th, Forbs 17th, 63rd) drew with Barcelona: 3 (Torres 8th, Yamal 61st, Tzolis 77th); Inter: 2 (Martinez 45th, Augusto 67th) bt Kairat: 1 (Arad 55th); Marseille: 0 lt to Atalanta: 1 (Samardzic 90th); Manchester City: 4 (Foden 22nd, 57th, Haaland 29th, Cherki 90th+1) bt Borussia Dortmund: 1 (Anton 72nd); Newcastle: 2 (Burn 11th, Joelinton 49th) bt Athletic Bilbao: 0; Benfica: 0 lt to Leverkusen: 1 (Schick 65th).

MEG & Centre FC's Pravesh Bisht. DH PHOTO/ B K JANARDHAN

BFC score comfortable win

BENGALURU, DHNS: Former champions Bengaluru FC, bunched in the middle of the table, scored a comfortable 3-1 win over Bangalore Dream United FC in the KSFA Super Division League Championship at the Bangalore Football Stadium here on Thursday.

MD Abrash opened the scoring for BFC colts in the 18th minute before Ning Thou Khong Jam Singh doubled the lead three minutes later. Abhishek Adhikari then put the game to bed with a 56th-minute strike.

K Lalrin Fela did pull one back for Dream United Stars FC in the 81st minute but it was nothing more than a consolation goal.

Results: United Stars FC: 4 (Vishal R 34th, 70th, Narendra Prasad Vincent 53rd, Saravana Kumar G 90+2) bt Bharat Bengaluru FC: 0; Parikrma FC: 3 (Abdul Jiyad K 7th og, Haominthang Kipgen 71st, 87th) bt MEG & Centre FC: 2 (Lallaswmkima PC 40th, Niyas Nazar 86th); BFC: 3 (MD Abrash 18th, Ning Thou Khong Jam Singh 21st, Abhishek Adhikari 56th) bt Bangalore Dream United FC: 1 (K Lalrin Fela 81st).

Town Municipal Council Chikodi

SL:TMC:CKD:DULT:2025-26 Date:03.11.2025

(KPP Portal) Tender notification
(Notice inviting tender through KPP Portal)

Town Municipal Council Chikodi invites tender for Civil license contractors in KW-4 Document for work under DULT Grant 1) Indent No 51220 Rs. 487.15 lakh, Work period 11month.
Sl No:1:Last Date & Time for Tender document download: 03.11.2025, Sl No:2:Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders: 03.12.2025 @ 4.00 PM, Sl No:3:Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid:05.12.2025 @ 4.00 PM, Sl No:4:Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid:06.12.2025 @ 11.00 AM, Sl No:5:Number of days to extend:2 Days

Above tender work details are in available KPPP website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and TMC website www.chikoditown.mrc.gov.in

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1266/KSMCA/2025-26

Sd/-Chief Officer
TMC Chikodi

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.:SEE-SCADA/EE(D)/AEE-Proj/F-48/2025-26/3063-64 Date:06.11.2025

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

KPTCL, invites bids against Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/2025-26/IND0228(CALL-2) Dtd.06.11.2025** from the OEM/Authorized Agencies of the OEM for **"Design, Manufacture, Supply of 1500 No's of 3 phase 4 Wire, self-powered, 0.2S Accuracy class Multi-Functional Transducers (MFT) for use in KPTCL Sub-Stations".**

The details can be obtained by logging on to **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 07-11-2025** and the last date & time for receipt of bid is as in e-portal. Any extensions of due date for bid submission will be intimated in the e-portal and if any details required in this regard can also be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

All Corrigendum /Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the bids.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer(Elec.), SCADA, KPTCL, No. 28, Race Course Cross Road, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560 009.

KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

No. 16 C-1, Miller Tank Bed Area, Vasanthanagara, Bengaluru-52.
Ph: 22268677/78/79, Fax: 080-22268667
e-mail : kerc-ka@nic.in website : www.kerc.karnataka.gov.in

No. N/109/2025/1127 Dated: 06.11.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sub: Rescheduling of Public Hearing and Extension of time for filing objections on the proposal for levying Additional Surcharge on Open Access Consumers.

The Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the subject matter on **13.11.2025.** As the Commission has received representations from various stakeholders/ organisations for extension of time for filing objections on the amended petition, the Commission has decided to extend the last date for filing objections and has decided to postpone and schedule it on **02.12.2025 at 2.00 pm.** Accordingly, the interested persons/stakeholders may file the comments/objections if any, on the amended petition, which is available on the website of the Commission **(https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in)** till **5.00 pm on 01.12.2025.** All other terms and conditions pertaining to virtual mode of hearing mentioned in the public notice **dated 30.10.2025** shall remain unchanged.

Sd/- Secretary, KERC, Bengaluru

DIPR/DD-CP/3639/KSMCA/2025-26

PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION, KOPPAL
Office of the Executive Engineer, Jawahar Road, Koppal - 583 231,
E-mail : eepredkpl@gmail.com

No. : E.E./P.R.E.D./D.N./KPL/D.B./TENDER/2025-26/1920 Date : 06-11-2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of The Governor of Karnataka, **Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Koppal,** invites item rates Tender through **KPPP One / Two Cover Systems,** from eligible PWD and PRE Department registered contractors through Standard Bid Document KW-1, 2, 3 & 4, under Head of Account 2024-25 KKRDB, in **Different Talukas of Koppal District.** This scheme is fully funded by the Government of Karnataka. For more information Contact above the Office. Eligible Contractors Participate Online by entering into **KPPP Portal : http//kppp.karnataka.gov.in** portal.

Works Details : 1) Koppal Constituency Govt. Polytechnic Koppal Supply of Goods INDENT14065/Call-3, Rs. 155.76 Lakhs, EMD : Rs. 234000.00, Period : 06 Months, 2) Supply of Goods in Different Schools in Kushatgi Taluk. INDENT10010/Call-2, Rs. 109.35 Lakhs, EMD : Rs. 200000.00, Period : 03 Months.

Tender Processing Fees : As per E-Procurement, Download of Schedule-B in E-Proc Portal : From 07-11-2025 Time after 10.00 a.m. upto 17-11-2025 Time 16.00 Hours, Tender Receipt Last Dates From : 07-11-2025 Time 11.00 a.m. upto 17-11-2025 Time 16.30 hrs, Technical Bid Open Date and Time (Both Technical & Financial Bids are Opened as same Date for KW-1 & KW-2, KW-3 Works) : 18-11-2025 in Office hours, Financial Bid Open Date and Time : For KW-4 After getting Technical Approval from Competent Authority, Bid will be Opened.

General instructions : 1) Contractors Participate in all Tenders Online only, **2)** Pre-qualification Documents should be Uploaded by Scanning all Certificates & Other Concerned Documents Online only, **3)** Pre-requisite EMD have to be pay online as per mentioned in Eproc - Portal.

For more information, contractors need to consult to below signed Official, Officer, Contractors may get the information by going through **http//kppp.karnataka.gov.in** portal. This notified works can be downloaded in **http//kppp.karnataka.gov.in Portal from Dated : 07-11-2025.**

Note : The undersigned reserves the right to accept any or reject any of the tenders at any stage without assigning the reasons.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
P.R.E. Division, Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/438/Manipal/2025-26

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SPREE - 2025

Employees State Insurance Corporation, in its 196th meeting held on 27.06.2025 has approved the **Scheme to promote registration of Employers & Employees (SPREE - 2025)** under the ESI Act, 1948. Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, vide its Gazette Notification No. S-38013/19/2016-SS.I dated: 28-04-2016 and No. S-38013/35/2016-SS.I dated: 09-08-2016 had already extended implementation of the ESI Scheme in the entire state of KARNATAKA with effect from 01.05.2016 and 01.09.2016 respectively.

Accordingly, all the Employer falling under the purview of ESI Act (who are engaging 10 or more employees) in any place in Karnataka are requested to utilize this one-time opportunity (SPREE 2025) to register online their Factories/ Establishment/ Hospitals/ Educational Institutions/ other units under the ESI Act, 1948.

KEY FEATURES:

1. **The employers registering during the period will be treated as covered from the date of registration or the date as declared by the employer.**
2. **Production of any records for inspection for prior period before registration is not required.**
3. **No demand for any dues prior to the date of registration****
4. **The Scheme shall be in force till 31st December, 2025.**

For Registration, please log on to **www.esic.gov.in, www.mca.gov.in** or **https://registration.shramsuvidha.gov.in/user/register.** They can visit the nearest ESIC Office for any details. **The Scheme is open for a period of six months from 1st July 2025 to 31st December, 2025.**

Place : Kalaburagi
Dated : 04.11.2025

Sd/-
Joint Director

Ahmedabad set to host T20 World Cup final

NEW DELHI, PTI: The BCCI has shortlisted Ahmedabad, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai as the venues for next year's T20 World Cup with the final to be played in Ahmedabad.

It is learnt that the ICC will announce the full schedule of the February-March tournament next week. The event will be co-hosted by Sri Lanka which will act as a neutral venue for Pakistan as per an agreed arrangement with India.

Three venues in Sri Lanka will host the games, including Colombo. India will go into the home World Cup as defending champions, having won the previous edition in Barbados in June last year. The five chosen venues in India are Tier 1 cities and are expected to draw in packed crowds. If Pakistan reach the final, the summit clash will be played in Sri Lanka.

Irrespective of the host nation, India and Pakistan will play all their games at a neutral venue till 2027, as per the agreement reached by the ICC, BCCI and the PCB.

IN BRIEF

Chapman stars in NZ win

▸ Mark Chapman blasted 78 from 28 balls including a half-century from only 19 deliveries as New Zealand beat the West Indies by three runs and leveled the series at 1-1 on Thursday. **Brief scores:** New Zealand: 207/5 in 20 overs (Tim Robinson 39, Mark Chapman 78, Daryl Mitchell 28; Roston Chase 2-33) bt West Indies: 204/8 in 20 overs (Alick Athanaze 33, Rovman Powell 45, Romario Shepherd 34, Matthew Forde 29; Ish Sodhi 3-39, Mitchell Santner 3-31). **Result:** NZ won by 3 runs. **PoM:** Mark Chapman.

EIRS to host SZ meet

▸ Embassy International Riding School (EIRS), Bengaluru, is all set to host the FEI World Jumping Challenge 2025 – South Zonal Tournament, under the aegis of the Equestrian Federation of India (EFI) and the FEI, reports DHNS.

Riders will compete in Category A, Category B and Category C from November 8.

FIFA's new peace prize

▸ FIFA has created a new annual award called the FIFA Peace Prize to be awarded for the first time during the 2026 World Cup draw in Washington, world soccer's governing body said Wednesday, reports AFP from Miami.

Jr hockey WC Trophy tour

▸ The prestigious Men's Junior Hockey World Cup trophy will travel across 20 cities in India on a nationwide tour, starting from New Delhi on Friday, reports PTI.

The 20 cities include Bengaluru, Chandigarh, Amritsar, Lucknow, Jammu, Pune and Hyderabad.

Hermann replaces Brevis

▸ Cricket South Africa on Thursday called up wicket-keeper-batter Rubin Hermann for the remainder of their ODI series against Pakistan as a replacement for injured Dewald Brevis, reports PTI from Karachi.

◆ ON TV ◆

CRICKET

2nd 4-day game: India A vs South Africa A **(day 2, 9:30 am). LIVE** on **JioHotstar.**

MOTORSPORT

Formula 1: Brazilian GP **(free practice 8 pm; sprint qualifying 12 am, Saturday). LIVE** on **F1 TVPro, FanCode.**

CRICKET FOURTH T20I

Bowlers glitter in Gold Coast

Axar, Dube grab two wickets each as India take unassailable 2-1 lead over Aussies

CARRARA (GOLD COAST), PTI

India defended a modest total with a stifling bowling performance for a 48-run win over Australia in the fourth T20 International to grab an unassailable 2-1 lead in the five-match series here on Thursday.

The architects of India's win were Axar Patel and Shivam Dube who shared two wickets each to put Australia on the backfoot in the run chase. Washington Sundar struck thrice towards the end as India comfortably defended 168 with Australia folding up for 119 in 18.2 overs after being 91/3 at one stage.

The final T20 will be played in Brisbane on November 8. The opening match of the series was washed out in Canberra.

Openers Matthew Short (30 off 24) and Mitchell Marsh (25 off 19) got Australia off the blocks smoothly in the run chase but a flurry of wickets in the middle overs pushed the hosts to a point of no return. After Axar trapped Short in the powerplay, Dube removed Marsh and Tim David (14 off 9) in successive overs to make a telling impact on the game. The wicket of Marsh came off his second ball before he surprised David with a short ball in the following over.

Arshdeep Singh too picked a wicket in the middle overs and the game seemed done and dusted when Glenn Maxwell saw his exposed stumps disturbed off the last ball of Varun Chakaravarthy's fourth over. The stellar performance came after a middling batting effort. India never got the momentum they needed after a wicket-less powerplay to end with an underwhelming 167 for eight.

Abhishek Sharma (28 off 21) and Shubman Gill (46 off 39) put on 56 for the opening wicket before India lost their way. Promoted to number three to counter Adam Zampa, Shivam Dube (22 off 18) could not make a big impact while skipper Suryakumar Yadav (20 off 10) departed after hitting a couple of sixes. Pacer Nathan Ellis (3/21 in 4 overs) was the pick of the Australian bowlers, using his variations effectively. Zampa leaked 45 runs in his four overs but more importantly, he got three wickets including the dangerous Abhishek. Abhishek stepped out to Zampa in the second ball of his opening spell and dispatched it down the ground for a maximum.

Arshdeep Singh (right) and Axar Patel bowled brilliantly during India's win over Australia in the fourth T20I in Gold Coast on Thursday. AP/ PTI

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INDIA

Abhishek c David b Zampa	21
Gill b Ellis	46
Dube b Ellis	22
Suryakumar c David b Bartlett	20
Varma c Inglis b Zampa	5
Jitesh lbw b Zampa	3
Sundar c sub b Ellis	12
Axar (not out)	21
Arshdeep c Philippe b Stoinis	0
Chakravarthy (not out)	1
Extras (LB-3, W-6)	9
TOTAL (for 8 wkts, 20 overs)	**167**

Fall of wickets: 1-56, 2-88, 3-121, 4-125, 5-131, 6-136, 7-152, 8-164.
Bowling: Dwarshuis 4-0-31-0, Bartlett 4-0-26-1, Ellis 4-0-21-3, Stoinis 4-0-41-1, Zampa 4-0-45-3.

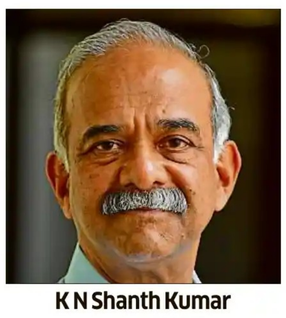
AUSTRALIA

Marsh c Arshdeep b Dube	30
Short lbw b Axar	25
Inglis b Axar	12
Tim c Suryakumar b Dube	14
Philippe c C'varthy b Arshdeep	10
Stoinis lbw Sundar	17
Maxwell b Chakravarthy	2
Dwarshuis b Bumrah	5
Bartlett c&b Sundar	0
Ellis (not out)	2
Zampa c Gill b Sundar	0
Extras (LB-1, W-1)	2
TOTAL (all out, 18.2 overs)	**119**

Fall of wickets: 1-37, 2-67, 3-70, 4-91, 5-98, 6-103, 7-116, 8-116, 9-118.
Bowling: Arshdeep 3-0-22-1, Bumrah 4-0-27-1, Chakaravarthy 4-0-26-1, Axar 4-0-20-2, Dube 2-0-20-2, Sundar 1.2-0-3-3.
Result: India won by 48 runs.
PoM: Axar Patel.
Series: India lead 5-match series 2-1. **Fifth T20I:** Nov 8 (Brisbane).

Shanth Kumar to run for KSCA president's post

BENGALURU, DHNS



K N Shanth Kumar

Former Deccan Herald and Prajavani Editor K N Shanth Kumar will contest for the president's post in the Karnataka State Cricket Association elections scheduled to be held on November 30.

He will probably be pitted against former India pacer Venkatesh Prasad, who is heavily tipped to run for the presidency, from the rival panel. The remaining members of both the panels are yet to be announced.

Currently a Director of The Printers (Mysore) Private Limited -- which publishes Deccan Herald, Prajavani besides Kannada magazines Sudha and Mayura -- he has been the immediate past president of the Press Trust of India.

Shanth Kumar, who has covered eight Olympics as a photo journalist, has been involved in sports administration for over three decades.

A former president of the Karnataka Olympic Association (1993-95), he oversees the Nettakallappa Sports Foundation, which his late father KN Nettakallappa founded.

A former Board member of the Indian Golf Union, Shanth Kumar represented India as a non-playing captain at the 2002 Asian Games in golf competitions.

Perth-born Williams to join Ind camp

BENGALURU, DHNS: Ryan Williams **(in pic)** has been included in the senior men's Indian national football camp for the third round of the AFC Asian Cup qualifiers against Bangladesh.

The 32-year-old Perth-born winger, who plays for Bengaluru FC in the Indian Super League (ISL), is waiting for a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from Football Australia. "He might join the national camp but we cannot confirm that he is an Indian player till all the formalities that are awaited go through," an AIFF source told *DH*.

Williams' Indian roots trace back to his mother Audrey, who was born in an Anglo-Indian family from Mumbai. Lincoln Grostate, his grandfather, played for Bombay.

RCB retain Smriti, Perry

Franchise also holds onto Ghosh and Shreyanka ahead of WPL auctions

BENGALURU, DHNS

Newly crowned ODI world champions Smriti Mandhana and Richa Ghosh were on Thursday retained by Royal Challengers Bengaluru ahead of the 2026 Women's Premier League auction.

Off-spinner Shreyanka Patil and legendary Australian all-rounder Ellyse Perry were also among RCB's four retentions.

Mandhana, who led RCB to title triumph in 2024 and was the second-highest scorer in the just-concluded Women's World Cup with 434 runs at a brilliant average of 54.25, was retained at the highest slab of Rs 3.5 crore. The 29-year-old will continue to lead the franchise. Wicketkeeper Ghosh, a marauding batter in the middle and lower order, was the second retention by the franchise at Rs 2.75 crore. The 35-year-old Perry, one of the most outstanding players of this generation, and the talented Shreyanka were retained for Rs 2 cr and Rs 60 lakh respectively.

Royal Challengers have thus spent Rs 8.85 cr on retentions and will now have Rs 6.15 crore at the auctions to form the rest of the team. The mega player auction is likely to take place in Delhi on November 27.

Notable omissions were star India pacer Renuka Singh and Australian spinning all-rounder Sophie Molineux, but one of them could be drafted in with the sole Right To Match (RTM) card RCB holds.

(Clockwise from left) Smriti Mandhana was Royal Challengers Bengaluru's top retention at a price of Rs 3.5 cr. Richa Ghosh and Ellyse Perry were also retained. FILE PHOTO

RETAINED PLAYERS

- **Mumbai Indians:** Nat-Sciver Brunt (Rs 3.5 cr), Harmanpreet Kaur (Rs 2.5 cr), Hayley Matthews (Rs 1.75 cr), Amanjot Kaur (Rs 1 cr), G Kamalini (Rs 50 lakh).
- **RCB:** Smriti Mandhana (Rs 3.5 cr), Richa Ghosh (Rs 2.75 cr), Ellyse Perry (Rs 2 cr), Shreyanka Patil (Rs 60 lakh).
- **Gujarat Giants:** Ashleigh Gardner (Rs 3.5 cr), Beth Mooney (Rs 2.5 cr).
- **UP Warriorz:** Shweta Sehrawat (Rs 50 lakh).
- **Delhi Capitals:** Jemimah Rodrigues (Rs 2.2 cr), Shafali Verma (Rs 2.2 cr), Annabel Sutherland (Rs 2.2 cr), Marizanne Kapp (Rs 2.2 cr), Niki Prasad (Rs 50 lakh).

Malolan elevated

RCB also appointed Malolan Rangarajan as the head coach of the women's team. Rangarajan takes over from Luke Williams after serving as assistant coach during RCB's past two seasons.

Proteas level series in style

FAISALABAD, AGENCIES: Quinton de Kock slammed a ton and Tony de Zorzi struck a half-century as South Africa hammered Pakistan by 8 wickets in the second ODI to level the three-match series 1-1 here on Thursday.

Nandre Burger took a career best 4/46 as South Africa restricted Pakistan to 269/9. De Kock (123 n.o.), De Zorzi (76) and Lhuan-dre Pretorius (46) then took South Africa home in 40.1 overs and eight wickets to spare.

Brief scores: Pakistan: 269/9 in 50 overs (Saim Ayub 53, Salman Agha 69, Mohammad Nawaz 59; Nandre Burger 4-46, Corbin Bosch 2-56, Nqabayomzi Peter 3-55) lt to South Africa: 270/2 in 40.1 overs (Lhuan-dre Pretorius 46, Quinton de Kock 123 n.o., Tony de Zorzi 76). **Result:** South Africa won by 8 wickets. **PoM:** Quinton de Kock. **Series:** SA level three-match ODI series 1-1. **3rd ODI:** Nov 8 (Faisalabad).

Amee wins heyball bronze

BENGALURU, DHNS

India's Amee Kamani came up with a gritty effort to clinch the bronze medal at the WPA Heyball World Championships in Brisbane, Australia, on Wednesday.

The 33-year-old from Indore, who scored a shock 6-1 win over Britain's Rebecca Kenna in the quarterfinals, however, failed to carry that momentum into the last-four stage clash against world No. 1 Shi Tianqi.

Tianqi didn't give the left-handed Amee, who came through the 'losers bracket', any chance. The reigning Asian champion from China scored a lopsided 6-1 win.

Earlier, Vidya Pillai, who won the heyball gold at the inaugural Commonwealth Billiards Championships in Mauritius in July, lost 3-6 to Belgium's Wendy Jans in the pre-quarters.

Anupama Ramachandran and Natasha Chethan, the other two Indians in the women's draw, failed to make the second stage. While Anupama lost in the fourth round, Natasha, the reigning World U-21 snooker champion, bowed out in the third round.

Amee Kamani poses with her WPA Heyball World Championships bronze medal.

Results: Men: Pre-quarters: Sina Valizadeh (Irn) bt Shivam Arora (Ind) 7-2. **Women: Semis:** Shi Tianqi (Chn) bt Amee Kamani (Ind) 6-1; **Quarters:** Amee bt Rebecca Kenna (GBR) 6-1; **Pre-quarters:** Amee bt Jessica Woods (Aus) 6-2; Wendy Jans (Bel) bt Vidya Pillai (Ind) 6-3.

Hussain nears final stage

Of the four Indians in the fray in the second event of the first stage, Hussain Khan was the lone cueist to make the pre-quarters of the IBSF World Snooker Championships in Doha on Thursday.

Hussain scored a facile 4-2 win over Poland's Krzysztof Czapnik in the second round. He is just a win away from qualification into the final stage of the competition.

Para-archer Sheetal picked in able-bodied team

NEW DELHI, PTI: Para-archer Sheetal Devi, the world compound champion born without arms, shattered another barrier on Thursday by being picked in the Indian able-bodied junior team for the upcoming Asia Cup Stage 3 in Jeddah.

Her selection marks another historic first for Sheetal -- the inclusion of a para-athlete in an Indian team for an able-bodied international competition. "When I started competing, I had a small dream -- to one day compete alongside the able-bodied. I didn't make it at first, but I kept going, learning from every setback. Today, that dream is one step closer," Sheetal wrote on social media after the announcement.

Sheetal Devi

Winner of a bronze medal in the mixed team compound event at the 2024 Paris Paralympics, Sheetal drew inspiration from Turkey's Paris Paralympic champion Oznur Cure Girdi, who also competes in able-bodied events at the world level.

Competing among more than 60 able-bodied archers from across the country under identical conditions, the 18-year-old from Jammu and Kashmir finished third overall in the rigorous four-day national selection trials held in Sonipat.

Mysuru, DK athletes top relays

BENGALURU, DHNS

Dakshina Kannada's Pranav S bagged the boys' long jump gold while Sharanya of Hassan clinched the girls' shotput title on the fifth day of the 4th Mini Karnataka Games.

Mysuru boys bagged the 4x100m relay title with Dakshina Kannada emerging triumphant in the corresponding girls' race.

In the swimming event, Sharan S took home three gold medals while Siddhanth B Singh, Subramanya Jeevamsh and Advaita VM bagged two each in the boys' section. Avhni Belliappa, Inchara HR and Sumanvi V dominated the girls' category by grabbing two yellow metals each.

Winners of the girls' 100m backstroke swimming event -- (from left) Sumedha V (silver), Avhni Belliappa (gold) and Shreya Suresh Pujar (bronze) -- at the Mini Karnataka Games on Thursday.

Results (winners only): Boys: Athletics: Long jump: Pranav S (Dakshina Kannada) 5.52m; **200m:** Adarsh R (Mysuru) 24.18s; **600m:** Sandeep Yellappa Vaddar (Dharwad) 1:29; **Javelin throw:** Amith SP (Shivamogga) 33.66m; **60m:** Prakul K Kunder (Udupi) 7.32s; **4x100m relay:** Mysuru (49.69s).

Swimming: 50m Breaststroke: Siddhanth B Singh (PMSC); **100m Freestyle:** Sharan S (BAC); **100m Butterfly:** Subramanya Jeevamsh (MINC); **100m Backstroke:** Advaita VM (BAC); **100m Breaststroke:** Siddhanth B Singh (PMSC); **200m Backstroke:** Advaita VM (BAC); **200m IM:** Subramanya Jeevamsh (MINC); **400m Freestyle:** Sharan S (BAC); **1500m Freestyle:** Sharan S (BAC); **4x200m Freestyle Relay:** BAC.
Badminton: Boys: Singles: Heshaan Harish (Bengaluru)
Lawn Tennis: Boys doubles: Madhav/ Tanaya (Bengaluru)
Table Tennis: Boys: Singles: Shriram Kiran (Bengaluru); **Doubles:** Shriram/ Sharvil (Bengaluru)
Girls: Athletics: Shotput: Sharanya (Hassan) 8.7m; **600m:** Megha Ashok Pojari (Bagalkote) 1:42m; **400m:** Porvi T Harikantara (Uttara Kannada) 1:00.47; **60m:** Adwika (Dakshina Kannada) 8.29s; **4x100m relay:** Dakshina Kannada (53.19s).

Swimming: 50m Breaststroke: Inchara HR (LAS); **100m Freestyle:** Stuti Singh (BSA); **100m Butterfly:** Manya R Wadhwa (DOL); **100m Backstroke:** Avhni Belliappa (DKV A); **100m Breaststroke:** Inchara HR (LAS); **200m Backstroke:** Avhni Belliappa (DKV A); **200m IM:** Idika Bhat (ZSA); **400m Freestyle:** Sumanvi V (DKV A); **1500m Freestyle:** Sumanvi V (DKV A); **4x200m Freestyle Relay:** DKV Aquatic Centre.
Badminton: Girls: Singles: Hansika Rakesh (Mysuru).
Table Tennis: Girls: Singles: Mihika R Udupa (Bengaluru); **Doubles:** Mihika/ Ireni (Bengaluru).

Pegula soars into semifinals

RIYADH, AFP: Jessica Pegula advanced to the semifinals of the WTA Finals by easing past Italian eighth seed Jasmine Paolini 6-2, 6-3 in Riyadh on Thursday.

The American world number five's semifinal opponent will be decided by the final standings of the Stefanie Graf Group after the later showdown between Coco Gauff and Aryna Sabalenka.

Pegula improved to 4-1 head-to-head against Paolini, and avenged her recent defeat to the Italian in the Billie Jean King Cup Finals in Shenzhen.

Elena Rybakina and Amanda Anisimova have already punched their tickets to the final four by finishing in the top two.

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